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# Children's Integrated Therapies and Equipment Service - NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - RFI/Market Engagement

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

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#### **Email**

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

## Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

### **NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNX

## Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/

## I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/aspx/Home

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

# I.5) Main activity

Health

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Children's Integrated Therapies and Equipment Service - NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - RFI/Market Engagement

Reference number

NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - RFI/Market Engagement

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Commissioners in NHS Sussex wish to procure an integrated therapy and equipment service for children and young people in East Sussex. This is a process designed to help the Commissioner form a view of the best way to commission the service and is not the beginning of a Tender exercise. A further Tender advertisement will be issued at the appropriate time where required. Your feedback at this point will not have a bearing on any future Tender submissions you may wish to offer at a later date. You will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to respond to this RFI, but it will be helpful to understand your views at this early stage, so you are encouraged to respond as fully as you can.

The Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS) brings together the health and local authority provision across the therapy services of Speech and Language, Occupational and Physiotherapy AND the assessment, prescription, and supply of relevant equipment.

The fundamental aims of integrating the commissioning of children's therapy services and equipment is to remove duplication and inefficiencies, promote equality of access and increase value for money, with the resulting service improvements for children, young people, parents, and carers.

The Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service's will ensure that all children and young people known to the service achieve their best possible developmental potential, physical and emotional health, and well-being both in childhood and through transition into adulthood.

The Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service has a key role to play in the services for children with SEN and Disability and is required to contribute to the SEND Reforms of the Children and Families Act 2014.

The Contract period for this service is for 3 years + option of the authority to extend a further 2 years.

Contract value per annum is £4.5 million. Total contract for 5 years = £22.5 million.

Please complete your response and return it via <a href="https://intendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/aspx/Home">https://intendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/aspx/Home</a> by no later than Thursday 22nd December 2022 at noon.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £22,500,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKJ - South East (England)

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#### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £22,500,000

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

**Duration in months** 

60

#### II.2.14) Additional information

60 months duration includes one period of 24 months option to extend.

# Section IV. Procedure

# **IV.1) Description**

## IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

# IV.2) Administrative information

## IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

22 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

1 April 2024