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Planning

NHS Sight Testing and Dental Checks in Special Educational Settings

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-034124

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b010

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

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Leeds

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

NHS Sight Testing and Dental Checks in Special Educational Settings

Reference number

C287260

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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The Long-Term Plan made a commitment to provide dental checks, sight tests and ear checks to SEND children and young people in all special residential educational settings. A joint announcement by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England was made on 19 June 2023 and detailed that the sight testing service would be expanded to all special educational settings. The 2024/2025 priorities and operational planning guidance details an ask of systems to implement annual sight tests and dispensing within special day and residential educational settings and dental checks within special residential educational settings during 2024/25, following engagement with SES and market testing.

NHS England is therefore keen to understand the market provider base available to achieve this.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services
- 85131000 - Dental-practice services
- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.14) Additional information

Interested suppliers are encouraged to attend a market engagement webinar which will provide further information on the proposed service. These events are due to be held on the following dates:

- North West & North east & Yorkshire - Tuesday 26 November, 1-2pm
- London & South East – Wednesday 27 November , 1-2pm
- South West – Tuesday 3 December, 1-2pm
- East of England & Midlands – Thursday 5 December, 12-1pm

Please note that attendance is limited to a maximum of two participants per organisation and registration with the NHSE team is essential prior to the event to secure a place.

Register your interest through the Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. and complete either the sight testing or dental registration

information form. Please upload to the portal by Monday 18 November, 12 noon.

NHS England are also planning to hold a virtual supplier procurement session which will look at public sector procurement and how to use Atamis on 11 December 12-13:00. This session will be useful for those suppliers new to the tendering process. This session will also be recoded and uploaded to Atamis.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise and obtain further information regarding this project please go to: <http://health.atamis.co.uk>. All communications will be conducted via Atamis. The portal can be accessed at any time of the day and it is free to register.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 January 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes