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## **Expressions of Interest - School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, and Northamptonshire**

NHS England

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Expressions of Interest - School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, and Northamptonshire

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

\*This is a Prior Information Notice\*

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England Midlands (The Commissioners) would like to notify the market of a potential upcoming opportunity to provide School-Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, and Northamptonshire.

This procurement is expected to be conducted as a 3 lot Competitive Process. Details of each lot will be made available in the tender documentation which will be made available to potential bidders once the formal contract notice is published. The service commencement date is 1 September 2025 and shall run until 31 August 2028. The contract will be for an initial three (3) year term with the option to extend for a further two (2) years. The estimated contract value is £11,747,878.

All interested providers are invited to participate in an early market engagement assessment questionnaire.

The commissioners would like to invite interested providers to register their interest via the Atamis e-tendering portal, and to access the draft specification.

Please note the deadline for expressions of interest is 12:00PM (Mid-day) on the 15th November 2024.

Following the closure of the PIN notice, the Commissioner may reach out to those that have

expressed an interest with further communications.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £11,747,878

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The current School Aged Immunisation Service contract expires 31st August 2025. The service shall follow a national service specification, which will be made available in the competitive process documentation which will be made available to potential providers once the formal contract notice is published.

School Aged Immunisation Services are required to be delivered predominantly in a school setting and currently covers;

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) booster
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) conjugate vaccine
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch up vaccinations.
- School-aged children's Seasonal Influenza vaccinations

In addition, the provider will deliver a catch-up service for children and young people with any of the above missing vaccinations. It is important to note that vaccination schedules can change and evolve in the light of emerging best practice and scientific evidence and as such additional services may be added during the lifetime of the contract to best deliver the needs of the overall service. The Provider is required to reflect these changes accordingly in a timely way with agreement from the Commissioner.

These vaccines form part of the national routine childhood vaccination programme, which aims to prevent school-aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity. High uptake of

vaccinations in this population also helps to protect the wider community through herd immunity.

The Commissioner expects the school-aged immunisation service to be delivered primarily in schools with additional arrangements in place to vaccinate those service users who are not in mainstream education and those with an unknown school. The SAIS Provider must offer the Service to 100% of eligible school-aged children and young people.

Lot 1 - Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland

Lot 2 - Lincolnshire

Lot 3 - Northamptonshire

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is the expectation of the commissioner that the providers will review the contents of this Notice in order to inform their responses to the pre-market engagement questionnaire.

Please note the Contract Notice Publish date is only indicative at this time and is subject to change.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

13 January 2025

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## **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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This is purely an early engagement exercise; any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.

This is a market testing exercise and does not commit the Commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements.

The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Notice. The awarding of this contract will be subject to the HealthCare Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this market engagement exercise. To express an interest and access the questionnaire go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link:

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects> and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C315067 - EOI: School-Aged Immunisation Services (SAIS)

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