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Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for NHS England South West

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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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

Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for NHS England South West

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS School Aged Immunisation (SAI) programmes cover vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings such as home educated. NHS England Public Health Commissioning Teams are responsible for the commissioning of local SAI services under the Section 7a mandate in line with the national programme requirements and a national service specification. NHS England South West (NHSESW) is recommissioning the SAI Programme across the population of Devon. The current contract with the incumbent provider ends on the 31st July 2023, and the new contract will commence on 1st August 2023 with a 6 year initial term and the option to extend for up to 2 further years. NHSESW wish to secure the delivery of a high quality and safe immunisation service which achieves the highest possible coverage and in turn prevent avoidable illness and protect population health.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,083,097

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33651600 - Vaccines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service will need to be sustainable, responsive, flexible and high quality in the long term and will need to offer the most efficient use of public funds and value for money. The provider must adhere to the national service specification and the SAI programme which currently includes

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

The current eligible population is 158,498 and the majority attend one of the 410 primary schools or 65 secondary schools. We are looking for a provider that can provide continuity of service to the school aged population of Devon. The provider will seek to

- improve uptake in all areas
- maintain and expand on coverage of service
- maintain progress to work towards a consistent service across the region
- continue to provide targeted interventions to improve uptake in vulnerable groups
- maintain excellent relationships with schools in the Devon area
- maintain excellent engagement with stakeholders including service users to ensure the best service model is available
- align with the national immunisation strategy

In addition to above the provider will work with NHSE within the term of the contract to-

- identify priority areas for targeted investment to improve uptake amongst vulnerable groups
- identify opportunities to invest in service development for the benefit of service users
- reduce health inequalities by improving services

The overarching aim of the re-commissioning exercise is to secure high quality, responsive, flexible, safe and sustainable School Aged Immunisation services for Devon, from 1st August 2023.

The school aged immunisation programme within Devon includes (subject to change):

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

In May 2022 a NICE guideline was published with the aim of supporting to increase Vaccine uptake in the general population [NG218]. Any new service must adhere to the recommendations.

The following services are out of scope:

- Children who are at school outside of Devon.
- Travel vaccines
- Any national programmes outside of the defined cohorts are not part of this procurement.

References made to standards and guidance throughout the specifications are in line with existing and current guidance; where standards and guidance are reviewed and updated during the life of the contract, School Aged Immunisation services must maintain compliance with any changes and as such the contract may be varied accordingly.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,083,097

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Commissioners will have an extension option for up to a further 2 years available which will be awarded at their discretion

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Commissioners are holding a market briefing event via Microsoft Teams on 20/12/2022, Bidders who want to attend this event should contact the SCW procurement team through the e-procurement messaging system confirming the name and email address of those who wish to attend.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

23 January 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 January 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority intends to voluntarily observe the award decision notices provisions and 10-day standstill period described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive scores and reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the Bidder/application was unsuccessful.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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London

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<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>