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Planning

## **Provision of an Oral Health Institute for Dorset**

NHS DORSET ICB

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

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

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nhsdorset.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.example.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Provision of an Oral Health Institute for Dorset

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The provider NHS Dorset are procuring will lead the workforce workstream of the Oral Health Programme focusing primarily on securing, developing, and training the oral health workforce, with a particular emphasis on addressing health inequalities.

Their contribution will be essential to ensuring a capable, sustainable, and well-trained workforce that can deliver high-quality and equitable care within NHS Dorset Oral Health services.

The value of this procurement is £180,000 (excl VAT) for the first year with an option to extend upto 3 years on a 1+1+1 year basis.

Procurement documents can be issued upon request via the email address [dorsetprocurement@nhsdorset.nhs.uk](mailto:dorsetprocurement@nhsdorset.nhs.uk).

Please submit your interest to the following email address [dorsetprocurement@nhsdorset.nhs.uk](mailto:dorsetprocurement@nhsdorset.nhs.uk) by 12:00 Wednesday 27th November 2024.

In your submission please confirm that you can deliver the service specification as detailed in the document "Document 3 - Service Specification - NHS Dorset ICB - Oral Health Institute" and that you can meet all the Key Participation & Service Must Requirements and the published financial envelope for the first year.

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

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

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Health Programme focusing primarily on securing, developing, and training the oral health workforce, with a particular emphasis on addressing health inequalities.

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The provider will deliver a workforce development service that focuses on securing, training, and developing the oral health (OH) workforce in Dorset, as part of the Oral Health Institute.

This service will ensure the availability of a well-trained, competent workforce capable of addressing the needs of the Dorset population while contributing to the broader oral health objectives of improving access, prevention, and reducing health inequalities.

The service will include the development of pre- and post-registration training, continuing professional development (CPD), and collaborative programmes aimed at healthcare professionals within the oral health sector.

The Key Service Aims are:

- Develop and Expand the Oral Health Workforce
- Optimise Workforce Skills and Capabilities
- Sustain and Secure Future Workforce Stability
- Contribute to Programme Aims Through Workforce Development

Workforce Workstream Objectives:

- In-depth Understanding of Workforce Capacity and Capability
- Optimisation of Workforce to Full Scope of Practice
- Long-Term Workforce Stability
- Upskilling of Non-Oral Health Workforce
- Establishment of an Oral Health Institute

Contribution to Broader Programme Objectives:

While the provider will be responsible for achieving the workforce-related objectives, their

work will be interdependent with the broader programme goals of:

- Access: A more capable and adequately staffed workforce to improve equitable access to NHS oral health services.
- Prevention: An upskilled workforce, including non-oral health professionals, to enhance the delivery of oral health education and preventive care.
- Data: Workforce intelligence developed by the provider, to contribute to increased understanding of the oral health landscape, supporting targeted interventions and data-driven decision-making for the programme.

In summary, the provider must play a critical role in ensuring that a skilled and sustainable workforce is in place, directly supporting the success of the overall Oral Health Programme.

#### Key Deliverables

The Provider will be responsible for delivering the below:

- Recruitment and management of Oral Health Fellows
- Recruitment and management of a collaborative advisory group
- Development and consensus on a sustainable model for the OHI
- Creation of a workforce plan and education strategy
- Plan Phase 2 of the OHI development project

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

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest.

The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

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

10 December 2024

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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