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Tender

Needle Exchange Packs and Service

Public Health Agency

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-036187

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05561c

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Scope

Reference

6010883

Description

This is a Public Health Agency Sponsored scheme. The Needle and Syringe Exchange Service (NSES) is an evidenced based public health intervention that is vital to the health and wellbeing of the entire community. NSES helps to reduce the potential of drug-related litter, decrease the risk of HIV and Hepatitis B and C within the wider population, and put individuals who use the service in direct contact with a health professional who can help them in engaging with harm reduction services. Forty needle exchange services are commissioned across Northern Ireland, based in areas where there is an existing pattern of people who inject substances, with the aim of helping to protect those with lived and living experience within those communities. Anyone who injects substances can use a needle exchange service at either one of the commissioned NSES or via a postal service option. This includes people who inject opioids, steroids, tanning agents or stimulants. A needle exchange pack is designed to allow people who inject substances to obtain hypodermic needles and associated equipment for the safe, hygienic injecting of various drugs. A core practice of NSES is to ensure each individual has enough injecting

equipment for each and every injection. This tender seeks to appoint a supplier for the supply and delivery of these packs as outlined within the tender documentation.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,277,355.26 excluding VAT
- £3,932,826.31 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 December 2028
- Possible extension to 31 December 2032
- 6 years, 7 months

Description of possible extension:

The Buyer will have the option to extend the contract for any period or periods together totalling no more than 48 months.

Extension exercised where the Buyer gives the Supplier no less than three Months' written notice before the expiry of the current Contract Period.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Buyer reserves the right to increase the product range depending on Service User requirements. The estimated values quoted in FRM03.N38 allow for potential growth and increases to the service.

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 July 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

31 July 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Quality - Mandatory Quality (Specification)	Pass/Fail as detailed in the Tender documentation.	Quality
Quality - Scored Assessment	56% as detailed in the Tender documentation.	Quality
Social Value	14% as detailed in the Tender documentation.	Quality
Price	30% as detailed in the Tender documentation.	Price
Quality - Mandatory Quality (Product Assessment)	Pass/Fail as detailed in the Tender documentation.	Quality

Weighting description

The Award Criteria is as detailed in the Tender documentation.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

N/A

Contracting authority

Public Health Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGGH-1787-BZLL

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Website: <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Regional Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

Summary of their role in this procurement: Tendering service for Health Service NI entities.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWNJ-1991-NGDW

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