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## **Optometry First Services for NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board**

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.shropshiretelfordandwrekin.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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<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**

Optometry First Services for NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

Reference number

WHISP-304

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

This Invitation to Tender provides information pertaining to the procurement of Optometry First Services. The purpose of this procurement is to secure a Service Provider to deliver Optometry First Services for the county of Shropshire.

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

Value excluding VAT: £7,420,565

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85160000 - Optician services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Main site or place of performance

This service is commissioned to cover any patients residing in the geographical boundaries within NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin - NUTS Codes UKG22 & UKG21.

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

This Invitation to Tender provides information pertaining to the procurement of Optometry First Services.

The purpose of this procurement is to secure a Service Provider to deliver Optometry First Services across the geographical area covered by NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board. The ICB has chosen to follow the Competitive process for this opportunity in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Healthcare Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations 2023.

The aim of the community optometry first service is centred around the vision of providing timely, safe, effective, and sustainable integrated eye care services for patients at the right time, in the right location, by the right clinician with an enhanced skillset to deliver care in a community setting.

The service will utilise the knowledge and skills of primary care ophthalmic practitioners to deliver a specialist primary care optometry service where service users will be managed and monitored, where appropriate within the service, in line with the scope and acceptance criteria of each pathway.

The Optometry First Service will deliver a suite of agreed pathways in primary care optometry. Service users will be referred into the service through several routes via STW Referral Management Centre (currently RAS/TRAQS) from GPs, Optometrists, Ophthalmology services, A&E and other urgent eyecare routes. Service users can also self-present or be signposted to the CUES pathway from other routes such as pharmacy and 111. Eye Care emergencies continue to be dealt with in the A&E and Urgent Eye Clinic.

Optometry First Service Pathways include:

- Cataract referral filtering and post-op assessment
- Glaucoma Enhanced Case Finding (ECF), Repeat Readings (RR) and low-risk monitoring
- Medical Retina referral filtering and low risk monitoring
- Community minor and urgent eyecare service (CUES)

- Children's integrated eye care service

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board (ICB) is seeking to award one contract and commission a Lead Provider or Consortium to deliver Optometry First Services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin for a period of 3-years with an optional up to 2-year extension available. The Contract will commence on the 1st April 2025.

The ICB has set an affordability threshold for the Procurement and will not consider Bids that are unaffordable and above the affordability envelope of the project. The ICB may seek clarification on bids that are unusually low. Following clarification, it will reserve the right to not consider bids that are unusually low. The affordability threshold per annum is £1,484,113 and for the 5 years of the contract (including 2 year optional extension) the affordability threshold is £7,420,565. Compliance with the affordability threshold will be assessed at Selection Questionnaire Stage.

Please note: activity figures provided within Annex 5 are indicative only and no guarantees are made as to future service demand.

#### **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: £7,420,565

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract is for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to a further 2 year period.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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

4 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 December 2024

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU are conducting this procurement exercise on behalf of another NHS body with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into a contract with for the supply of the services.

The contract conditions will be set out in the Invitation to Tender. Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the course of the tender process.

This procurement exercise will be conducted on the Atamis Health Family eCommercial System <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, reference C317480.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

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