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## **NHS Devon ICB - Primary Care Health Inequalities Fellowship Programme**

NHS DEVON INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (ICB)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK4 - Devon

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://onedevon.org.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

**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

NHS Devon ICB - Primary Care Health Inequalities Fellowship Programme

Reference number

C319021

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

1) This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of NHS Devon Integrated Care Board's (ICB) (the Commissioner's), intention to recommission the provision of the Primary Care Health Inequalities Fellowship Programme. The Commissioner would like to understand the level of provider interest in delivering these services.

2) The Commissioner is seeking to secure a single Prime Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver the Devon Health Inequalities Fellowship Programme to primary care professionals within the Devon ICB footprint. The Health Inequalities Fellowship supports primary care professionals to develop their practice as champions of health equity, ready to lead community-oriented improvements across Devon's healthcare landscape.

3) The Commissioner is considering a potential 2-year programme, pending clarification of 2025/26 funding. The likely envelope break down as follows:

Year 1 - 2024/25 - circa £140-150k

Year 2 - 2025/26 - circa £150-160k

Meaning a total contract value of £290-310k over the 2-year term.

4) The programme's primary goal is to bridge gaps in health outcomes by fostering a

workforce of empowered, knowledgeable fellows who can drive positive change within primary care settings.

5) TUPE is not likely to apply to this opportunity.

6) The deadline by which you can register your interest in this opportunity is 12:00 28th November 2024.

This exercise is being managed by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

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

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4) The Primary Care Health Inequalities Fellowship Programme is a specialised development programme aimed at equipping healthcare professionals working out of Primary Care with the skills and knowledge to address and reduce health inequalities.

The fellowship is aimed at primary care practitioners who have a passion for tackling health inequalities, promoting equitable healthcare access, and fostering a holistic approach to community well-being.

Aims: The programme's primary goal is to bridge gaps in health outcomes by fostering a workforce of empowered, knowledgeable fellows who can drive positive change within primary care settings.

Key Objectives:

- a) Supporting Recruitment to and Retention in hard to recruit to areas/practices
- b) Developing quality improvement projects with a focus on addressing inequalities achieved through objectives 3-7
- c) Personal upskilling; Fellows will be better skilled to meet the needs of the community/population they are serving
- d) Develop Expertise: Fellows will gain specialised knowledge in health inequality issues, understanding the factors influencing unequal health outcomes and ways to mitigate them through innovative, evidence-based interventions.
- e) Enhance Skills in Community Engagement: Training will emphasise the importance of engaging with diverse communities, identifying local needs, and designing tailored approaches that resonate with each demographic.
- f) Build Capacity for Leadership in Health Equity: Fellows will learn to advocate for health equity in their practice, enhancing their ability to lead change within their teams and influence policy at local and regional levels.
- g) Support Collaborative Action: The programme encourages a multi-disciplinary approach, connecting fellows with professionals across the healthcare system to foster collaborative solutions.

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#### **II.2.14) 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).

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

1 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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) 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.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access and to be able to submit your expression of interest, which includes answering some basic questions about your company and the nature of your interest.

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Any future 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 any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.