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## **Market Briefings: Mandatory Dental Services (MDS) on the Isle of Wight, Bognor and Littlehampton**

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB on behalf of NHS England  
NHS Sussex ICB on behalf of NHS England

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

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

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB on behalf of NHS England

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Eastleigh

SO50 5PB

#### **Email**

[scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ35 - South Hampshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.hantsiow.icb.nhs.uk/icb>

Buyer's address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Sussex ICB on behalf of NHS England

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

**Email**

[scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

## **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**

Market Briefings: Mandatory Dental Services (MDS) on the Isle of Wight, Bognor and Littlehampton

Reference number

C373428 / WA18225

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

Services

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

This notice is placed in order to facilitate early engagement with potential providers, and relates only to two pre-procurement market briefings.

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS Sussex ICB are seeking to commission Mandatory Dental Services (MDS) on the Isle of Wight, in Bognor and Littlehampton and will be undertaking a procurement process to award new contracts for service commencement from January 2026.

Prospective bidders are warmly invited to two pre-procurement market briefing events held virtually through Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

For MDS services in Bognor and Littlehampton

6pm - 8pm Tuesday 29th July 2025 by MS Teams

For MDS services on the Isle of Wight:

5pm - 7pm Thursday 31st July 2025 by MS Teams

The events have been arranged to take place to avoid any clash with clinical sessions and will be hosted online.

The procurement(s) are anticipated to commence from early August 2025, inviting tenders to deliver services for specific lotted areas, with phased contract commencement anticipated in the period from January to July 2026.

The procurement is anticipated to be split into a number of Lots as follows:-

Lot 6B1-1: Isle of Wight

Lot 6B1-2: Bognor

Lot 6B1-3: Littlehampton

A maximum of one contract will be awardable in each Lot, except in the case of Lot 6B1-1, where a maximum of 2 contracts will be awardable.

The commissioners anticipate contracting for services under PDS agreements for a period of up to 10 years. This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

To allow potential providers to reflect on the proposed services, the Commissioner has provided early indicative information as part of this notice. This includes indicative draft versions of proposed service specifications, pricing strategy, lot data and evaluation criteria.

At the briefing, we will share further detail of the commissioner's objectives. We will also provide details of the e-Procurement system (being used to procure these services) and how the procurement and selection process will operate.

To access the information suite and express an interest, interested providers should register on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> and express interest via the 'Live Opportunities' list.

Please note that you will need to be registered on Atamis and select the option to 'register an interest' under the project Market Briefings: Mandatory Dental Services (MDS) on the Isle of Wight and Arun, followed by completing and submitting the Market Briefing Event Registration form.

In order to attend the Market Briefing Event, please ensure that you submit the registration form via Atamis by no later than 12 Noon on Monday 28th July 2025, including your contact details as requested. Details on how to access the briefing will be provided to all responses received prior to this closing date.

The briefing event is open to all providers who may want to deliver NHS mandatory dental

services in the future. In order to establish fair representation, availability for each event is limited to a maximum of two individuals per organisation.

Providers are reminded that the information documents provided in Atamis are indicative draft versions only and subject to change. Providers should not rely upon these documents when submitting any future bids, instead referring to the tender documentation released with the relevant tender opportunity.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Up to two contracts may be awarded in Lot 6B1-1.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Isle of Wight

Lot No

6B1-1

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

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

A maximum of 2 contracts will be awardable in this Lot, each for total UDA activity of 21,000 UDAs. The anticipated UDA rate is £36.73, in line with the MDS Procurement Pricing Strategy - March 2025 red category. These rates include the DDRB uplift for 2024/25 and will also be subject to any further DDRB uplifts when announced.

Providers are reminded that all information regarding Lots is indicative only and subject to change. Providers should not rely upon these Lot descriptions when submitting any future bids, instead referring to the tender documentation released with the relevant tender opportunity.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Bognor

Lot No

6B1-2

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

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

A maximum of 1 contract will be awardable in this Lot, for total UDA activity of 21,000 UDAs. The anticipated UDA rate is £35.01, in line with the MDS Procurement Pricing Strategy - March 2025 amber category. These rates include the DDRB uplift for 2024/25 and will also be subject to any further DDRB uplifts when announced.

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Littlehampton

Lot No

6B1-3

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

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

A maximum of 1 contract will be awardable in this Lot, for total UDA activity of 21,000 UDAs. The anticipated UDA rate is £35.01, in line with the MDS Procurement Pricing Strategy - March 2025 amber category. These rates include the DDRB uplift for 2024/25 and will also be subject to any further DDRB uplifts when announced.

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

7 August 2025

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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. Commissioners are looking to establish what interest there might be in providing such a service from suitably qualified, capable and competent organisations.

The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise. Interested parties should note that a response to this notice does not guarantee an automatic invitation to any subsequent formal procurement, which the commissioners will consider in due course.

The intention is to award a contract using the competitive process.

Recommendations for the award of contracts procured under a competitive process are anticipated to be presented for approval by the NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB Executive Committee and NHS Sussex ICB Commissioning Group for their respective Lot areas.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) prior information notice. The 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.