

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/039051-2024>

Planning

## **Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways**

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-039051

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c225

Published 4 December 2024, 12:27pm

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

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

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Rd,

London

SE1 8UG

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK - South West (England)

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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

---

## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways

Reference number

C319347

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This notice is placed to seek expressions of interest in being considered as the Most Suitable Provider for the delivery of 'Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways'.

NHS England South West (the Commissioner) is seeking to secure a Prime Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver 'Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways' services, in line with the specified requirements across the South West geographical footprint.

Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways consists of, Enhanced Reconnect (ER) and Medication to Manage Sexual Arousal Service (MMSA), both of which will be open to relevant people in prison or leaving prison aged 18 and over via established referral pathways.

This provision will continue the work of the MMSA pathway and ER which has been running since 2021 as a pilot scheme.

Services will work closely with prison healthcare services, criminal justice services, local authorities, and any other relevant agencies.

The contract will commence on 1st April 2025.

The contract will expire on 31st March 2026.

The maximum annual contract value is £893,000.

The Provider must be able to mobilise by the contract start date, 1st April 2025.

Services will be contracted using the latest version of the NHS Standard Contract.

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £893,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

This notice is placed to set out NHS England South West's (the Commissioner's) intention to follow the Most Suitable Provider Process.

NHS England South West is commissioning a Prison to Community Specialist Clinical Pathways, that consists of specialist clinical services to people in prison or who are leaving prison. There are two elements to the service

Enhanced Reconnect (ER) is a psychologically led service providing complex case management with a wide range of government services as an individual leaves prison and is transferring to existing community services. It is a service that works with people considered to present a particularly high risk because of their offences, including serious violent, sexual or terrorism related offences.

Medication to Manage Sexual Arousal Service (MMSA) provides assessment and prescribing of medication that can support an individual to manage problematic sexual arousal and sexual pre-occupation. It is offered to people convicted of sexual offences, and it aims to improve their well-being.

Provision will be for relevant people in prison or who are leaving prison aged 18 and over, via established referral pathways.

The contract will commence on 1st April 2025.

The contract will expire on 31st March 2026.

The annual contract value is £893,000.

Those delivering the services must be qualified and registered with the relevant bodies, such as GMC and Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC).

The provider must have experience of delivering the Enhanced Reconnect and Medication to Manage Sexual Arousal pathways within the South West and have established links and networks to enable collaborative working and integrated delivery.

The Provider must be able to mobilise by the contract start date, 1st April 2025.

Services will be contracted using the latest version of the NHS Standard Contract.

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

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

The Specification can be found in the procurement portal, Atamis (see details below for access), along with a Most Suitable Provider Questionnaire which requires completion in order to express interest.

The questionnaire covers organisational details, a set of compliance questions, financial information and a statement as to why you believe you are a suitable provider.

Providers who believe they are suitable to deliver these services and express an interest will be assessed against the basic selection criteria and key criteria under the Provider Select Regime (PSR).

The basic criteria includes:

- a. The provider's ability to pursue a particular activity
- b. Economic and financial standing
- c. Technical and professional ability

The key criteria for review will be as follows:

a. Quality and innovation

- i. Provider to give an example of an improvement in care delivery relevant to the service(s) that they have implemented within the last three years
- ii. Evidence of robust clinical governance and safeguarding policies for the service, including arrangements for effective governance around Forensic Psychiatry.

b. Value

- i. Assurance that the provider will be able to meet all of the requirements of the service over the life of the contract within the stated annual and overall financial envelope
- ii. Assurance of the provider's financial planning and resilience, including the management of financial risk.

c. Integration, collaboration and service sustainability

- i. Evidence of collaborative working and integrated delivery within the clinical service pathway within the geographical areas of the South West, including with prison providers and prison healthcare providers.
- ii. Review of provider workforce structure for this contract, including Forensic Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology.
- iii. Evidence of recruitment, retention and training strategies.

d. Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice

- i. Evidence of the provider's understanding of the stakeholders they will need to work with to deliver a high-quality service.
- ii. Health inequalities reporting and evidence of improvement.

e. Social value

- i. Evidence that the provider over the last five years has taken measures to reduce their carbon emissions and/or contributed to the local community with recruitment opportunities and career development
- ii. Evidence of staff wellbeing policy.

The Commissioner will undertake a desktop assessment, which will be informed by the Commissioner's knowledge of the provider landscape, the information provided within the Most Suitable Provider Questionnaire, and any further information which the Commissioner may request, at its discretion, from any interested provider, during the assessment process to help decision-making.

The basic selection criteria will be assessed on a "Pass" / "Fail" basis. The key criteria is weighted equally and will be assessed on the basis of "assured" / "not assured". Interested providers must "pass" all basic selection criteria questions and receive "assured" for all key criteria to be considered as a suitable provider. Any provider who cannot meet these requirements will be deemed as a provider who is not suitable to deliver the services. Further details of the desktop assessment process be provided to those who submit an expression of interest.

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

31 January 2025

---

## **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: Yes

---

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Interested providers should review the Specification, found within Atamis, to determine whether they believe they are capable and suitable to deliver this service.

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, 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 to the documentation.

Where deemed suitable, providers can express an interest. They must do this by submitting a response to the questionnaire (provided within Atamis), and returning this via the correspondence function within Atamis by COP Friday 20th December 2024.

Award decisions will be recommended by the NHS England Health & Justice Commissioner. Award decisions will be made by the NHS England South West System Oversight & Co-ordination Leadership Team, with key decision makers being

Managing Director - System Commissioning Development, Director of Commissioning Finance, Director of Collaborative Commissioning.

The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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.