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Planning

Brain Health Clinical Trials Community Assessment for Trials Service

HEALTH DATA RESEARCH UK
UK DRI LTD

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Charity Commission (England and Wales)

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Main address

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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://www.hdruk.ac.uk/jobs/brain-health-clinical-trials-data-augmentation-service/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Charity in receipt of public funding

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Brain Health Clinical Trials Community Assessment for Trials Service

Reference number

HDRUK2024.0413

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Health Data Research UK (HDR UK) and the UK Dementia Research Institute (UK DRI) invite expressions of interest for the provision of a Brain Health Clinical Trials Community Assessment for Trials Service. The service is a critical component of the Dementia Trials Accelerator (DTA) programme which is supported by the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Goals programme and funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Programme Vision:

The DTA vision is for the UK to become the destination of choice for late-phase clinical trials in dementia and neurodegenerative diseases. The aims of the DTA are to:

1. Increase trial recruitment by identifying potential participants in trials by creating a "biomarker toolbox". This toolbox will incorporate one or more of: genetic or clinical risk scores, blood-based biomarkers and clinical measurements of subjects living with or at risk of dementia and related neurodegenerative disorders
2. Work with existing UK patient or population cohorts to approach people for clinical trials to identify potential participants
3. Accelerate low-cost delivery identification of potential participants in dementia and neurodegenerative trials with community-based, digitally enabled, trial pre-screening
4. Accelerate collaborative neurodegenerative research through assembly of a secure UK-wide AI-enabled data platform that makes multi-dimensional FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable) through trustworthy and secure data environment(s)
5. Prioritise the needs of industry innovators, patients and the public with an iterative engagement with stakeholders

Service Required:

The Brain Health Clinical Trials Community Assessment for Trials Service is central to this vision. It will provide pre-screening for a range of dementia and neurodegenerative clinical trials close to where people live as recommended by the O'Shaughnessy Review. The appointed provider will deliver comprehensive services, including:

- Participant appointment and consent management
- Blood sample collection by community-based phlebotomy services
- Secure preparation, storage, and transportation of samples to designated UK locations
- Data collection and secure sharing with contracting authorities

The service required will be a pilot, initially operating across 4-10 locations in England, Scotland, and Wales, with plans to expand to underserved areas. The aim is to identify up to 10,000 potential trial participants over one year.

Providers must ensure accessibility by offering flexible appointment times, including evenings, weekends, and bank holidays. They must also comply with regulatory standards for sample handling, participant confidentiality, and data security.

This procurement marks the first phase of a broader initiative.

II.2.14) Additional information

HDR UK and UK DRI wish to invite interested providers to engage with us prior to a procurement in early 2025. The purpose of engagement will be to gain provider input into:

- Determine the level of provider interest
- Inform development of service specification/s and collaborative service delivery options
- Procurement process design
- Help enable providers to participate in the process
- Help inform the commercial model and contract terms

HDR UK and UK DRI are preparing a pre-recorded session to provide additional details. Please check the link referenced above on Wednesday, 11th December, for more information.

One-to-one meetings will be scheduled throughout December 2024 and January 2025 for deeper discussions as required at authority sole discretion.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 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

HDR UK and UK DRI invite interested parties to express their interest and engage with this market engagement process. This notice serves as an opportunity for providers to refine service specifications collaboratively before the formal procurement process begins.

To respond to this invitation and participate in market engagement, please email procurement@hdr.ac.uk referencing Dementia Trials Accelerator.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service (Cabinet Office)

London

Country

United Kingdom