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Tender

Procurement of The Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise Partner

NHS England

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Scope

Description

The Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector is a vital partner of NHS England, offering expertise and informing policy, programmes and improving service delivery across its teams and directorates. NHS England (NHSE) is issuing this Invitation to Quote (ITQ) to establish a single contractual arrangement with a national VCSE organisation. The aim is to streamline the commissioning process, reduce administrative burdens, and ensure better value for money. This VCSE supplier will be tasked to provide additional support and activities as required to NHS England, in a 'call off' style arrangement. This means that whilst the envelop of the contract is £99,999.00 (excl VAT), it is subject to activities tasked to the provider. The successful bidder must demonstrate the capacity and resources to mobilise new engagement activities at pace, once identified. This could include: research, engagement with particular communities/stakeholders, policy input and/or surveys. They should demonstrate strong links across the country, with the ability to engage with ICB's and other local systems (e.g. neighbourhoods). This arrangement is in addition to other existing arrangements for the 2025/26 financial year. • Interested suppliers should register on the NHS England e-procurement system here: <https://health-family.force.com/login> • Once logged in click 'Find Opportunities' and search for C377112 Procurement of The Voluntary,

Community, and Social Enterprise Partner • Click 'Register Interest' • Once you have registered your interest you will be able to view the Requirements and provide your responses as per the instructions. The deadline for bid submissions is 12:00 noon on 27 August 2025. The new service is expected to commence in September 2025. As part of the procurement process, NHSE will host a virtual bidder event, "Meet the Commissioner", on 7 August 2025. This webinar will provide potential bidders with insight into the services NHSE intends to commission, along with an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification. To confirm your attendance at the bidder event, please email the following details to england.peopleandcommunities@nhs.net: • Your full name • Organisation name • Job title • Contact details The deadline to express interest in attending is 17:00 on Tuesday, 5 August 2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £99,999 excluding VAT
- £119,999 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Participation

Conditions of participation

Please refer to Instructions and Guidance to Tenderers and Tenderer Response Documents

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 August 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tendering portal 'Atamis' used the Contracting Authority for this procurement:

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

https://services.atamis.co.uk/docs/Supplier_User_Guide.pdf

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

95% Technical and Social Value 5% Commercial

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

NHS England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government