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## **Covid Medicine Delivery Unit to NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board**

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board

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**

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nhssomerset.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**

Covid Medicine Delivery Unit to NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board

Reference number

C327486 / WA17375

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to seek expressions of interest in being considered as the most suitable provider for the delivery of Covid Medicines Delivery Unit.

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board is seeking to secure a Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver Covid Medicines Delivery Unit services to specified requirements.

This service will be Somerset wide and will need to provide access for patients across the county for no less than 6 days per week. It is intended for for patients registered with a GP practice in Somerset

The contract start date will be 1 April 2025 with a contract duration of 2 year with an option to extend for up to further year (12 months).

The budget for these services is circa £115k per annum.

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: £345,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

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

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to seek expressions of interest in being considered as the most suitable provider for the delivery of Covid Medicines Delivery Unit

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board (the Commissioner) is seeking to secure a Provider who has the capability and capacity to deliver Covid Medicines Delivery unit services.

The service will assess all patients aged 18 and over, providing assessment and prescribing for Covid medications. Where they don't fit the criteria, they will be referred to the Somerset Foundation Trust Second Line intravenous medication service via Somerset Primary Link.

Patients under the age of 18 will be triaged and assessed for clinical disposition but will be directed to contact their own specialist/consultant for the assessment and prescription of Covid medication.

Patients accessing the service are identified by NHSE as high risk and are provided with a letter by NHSE or will have been identified as such by their specialist/consultant.

NHS111, community pharmacy and general practice will have a referral pathway into the daytime CMDU assessment (no less than 6 days a week) for covid medication assessment and prescription. During the out of hours period only an assessment on immediate clinical need will occur using standard dispositions. Patients needing assessment by the daytime CMDU will be referred into the appropriate queue for contact

when the CMDU service opens the next day.

At present Somerset Integrated Care Board will not be offering third-line medication which would normally be offered after first and second line medication has been exhausted.

This service will be for patients registered with a GP practice in Somerset.

The contract start date will be 1 April 2025 with a contract duration of 2 year with an option to extend for up to further year (12 months) at the discretion of the commissioner.

Estimated activity is assessment of circa. 60 patients per month based on current activity levels. Promotion of service may increase this volume.

The contract value is circa. £115k per annum.

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

24 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

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>. The project reference number is C327486.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the Expression of Interest Form 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 and to be able to submit your expression of interest using the correspondence function within Atamis.

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board award decision makers will be the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

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.