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## **TeleDermatology Skin Cancer Triaging Service**

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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Prior information only

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

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

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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Sunderland

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

NECS

John Snow House

Durham

DH1 3YG

**Email**

[necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **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**

TeleDermatology Skin Cancer Triaging Service

Reference number

NECS561

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

- 48180000 - Medical software package

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

Supplies

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

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB, the Relevant Authority), who are looking to pilot a solution that would enable to effectively and efficiently facilitate a TeleDermatology Skin Cancer Triaging Service.

TeleDermatology Triaging works by enabling clinical staff to remotely assess images of patients' skin lesions. After digital assessment, patients can be moved to the relevant next step along the pathway or discharged after confirming it is not a cancer. TeleDerm triaging enables a more rapid assessment of patients than possible in face-to-face triage assessment clinics.

This process is to support a pilot of TeleDermatology Services, enabling the evaluation of different TeleDermatology models. The outcomes of these pilots will inform the

development of recommendations to NENC Integrated Care System and particularly NENC ICB for a sustainable commissioning model for the provision of skin cancer triage and referral pathways across the NENC region.

Data and local knowledge will be used from existing services and new pilot studies, to determine barriers to the effective use of TeleDermatology, in primary and secondary care, in particular. This information will be used to inform the project and final commissioning recommendation(s).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

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The pilot would ideally commence at the start of the next financial year (01/04/2025) and operate for 6 months until 30/09/2025. During this time, the contracting Authority will conduct a rolling review of the service.

The contracting Authority are seeking a digital system that would facilitate a TeleDermatology Pilot. This system should facilitate clinical image management for the TeleDermatology process. This encompasses the management of images captured in primary/community care settings and then enabling the review of those images in secondary care.

With this in mind the contracting Authority would like to engage with the marketplace to better understand the options that are available to support the delivery of this service by

conducting market engagement which will include a Request for Information exercise and a market engagement event

Interested vendors would be invited to a market engagement event ideally in February, where they would be able to showcase their potential solutions and be part of a Q&A session.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published on Find and Tender Service and/ or on Contracts Finder, as applicable.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process. This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise and obtain a copy of the Request for Information documentation please go to the e-tender portal: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Please note that the deadline for RFI responses is

17:00 on 10 January 2025.

Please note that all communications and RFI submissions will be conducted via the Atamis e-tender portal only.

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should bidders have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

[Support-health@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support-health@Atamis.co.uk) or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 9am - 5.30pm

RFI documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 21 December 2024.

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

14 February 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: Yes