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Tender

PRJ4003 SEL ICB - Specialist Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) Service

NHS South East London Integrated Care Board

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Scope

Reference

PRJ4003

Description

NHS South East London Integrated Care Board (hereafter referred to as "the Authority") is seeking to commission Specialist Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) services for adults ("the Services") to all qualifying service users and their carers ordinarily resident in Lewisham.

In line with the Care Act 2014, the Mental Health Act 1983 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA 2005) NHS South East Integrated Care Board (ICB) is committed to the delivery of advocacy for adults aged 18 years and over. The aim is to enable Lewisham residents to access high-quality advocacy and exercise maximum choice and control over their care and support, and to achieve the best outcomes in their everyday lives.

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) services play a crucial role in safeguarding the rights of individuals with mental health issues and promoting their autonomy in the healthcare system.

The Provider will offer an IMHA service for patients admitted under the Mental Health Act in the Bethlem and the Maudsley hospital for residents of Lewisham.

The contract duration will be 3 years (36 months) with an optional extension of 1 year (12 months) at the discretion of the authority. A maximum contract duration of 4 years (48 months) in total.

Value of contract: £90,000 per annum. The indicative value range for the total contract value is between £270,000 for 3 years and £360,000 for 4 years. VAT inclusive as applicable.

Further details of the Requirements are set out in the Service Specification.

The Procurement process will be facilitated entirely online via the e-procurement portal Health Family/Atamis. Interested Applicants wishing to participate in the procurement must register on the portal, express an interest, and complete the online questionnaires hosted on the portal prior to the deadline for submission (16:00 GMT on Friday 8th August 2025). All clarification requests and correspondence pertaining to this opportunity must be directed through the portal. The deadline for any clarification questions is 17:00 hrs on 30th July 2025.

Link to Atamis

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

This Procurement is being managed by the London Commercial Hub (LCH), hosted by NHS North East London, on behalf of the Authority.

Total value (estimated)

- £288,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029

- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract duration will be 3 years (36 months) with an optional extension of 1 year (12 months) at the discretion of the authority. A maximum contract duration of 4 years (48 months) in total.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Enquiry deadline

30 July 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

8 August 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	75%
Price	Price	25%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Reduced tendering period

Yes

State of urgency - minimum 10 days

Contracting authority

NHS South East London Integrated Care Board

- NHS Organisation Data Service: QKK
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCXT-8262-NYRV

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Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS LONDON COMMERCIAL HUB

Summary of their role in this procurement: Managing the procurement process

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