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Planning

Sussex Wheelchair and Specialist Seating Service

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.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

Sussex Wheelchair and Specialist Seating Service

Reference number

C379523

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) is seeking the views of Healthcare Providers in relation to the provision of Sussex Wheelchair Service and East Sussex Specialist Postural Static Seating Service to a population of patients under an NHS standard contract. The Commissioner is considering a contract period of between five and seven years, this remains subject to finalisation.

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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:

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £60,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The overarching aim of the service is to enable service users to optimise their mobility, independence, and quality of life through timely access to appropriate assessment, provision, and maintenance of equipment.

This will be a unified wheelchair service operating across Sussex, providing a consistent, high-quality, and equitable offer to all eligible individuals. The service will ensure prompt access to care and equipment, underpinned by clear system-wide oversight of performance and outcomes.

The successful provider will be empowered to act as a lead purchaser in Sussex, with the opportunity to leverage significant buying power to secure value for money from suppliers and subcontractors.

In addition, the service will deliver specialist postural static seating for adults in East Sussex, meeting the same standards of clinical quality, consistency, and innovation as the wider wheelchair provision.

The ICB is interested to hear the views of Providers on the proposed service model.

It is anticipated that the new service will be procured via a standard NHS contract with a contract duration of initially 5 years plus the option to extend by a further 2 years, commencing 1st April 2027.

Estimated contract value = £43,285,714 for 5 years

Option to extend = £17,314,285 for 2 years

Total contract value = £60,600,000 for 7 years

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 July 2026

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