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Tender

Community Pharmacy Locally Commissioned Service for Emergency Palliative Care Drugs

NHS SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-049273

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-058942

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN72FZ

Email

sxicb.sussex-lcs-claims@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

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

Community Pharmacy Locally Commissioned Service for Emergency Palliative Care Drugs

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85149000 - Pharmacy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) has recommissioned the Community Pharmacy Locally Commissioned Service for Emergency Palliative Care Drugs to support people with palliative and end of life care needs access to medication in an emergency.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove
- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC
- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)
- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) has recommissioned the Community Pharmacy Locally Commissioned Service for Emergency Palliative Care Drugs to support people with palliative and end of life care needs access to medication in an emergency.

The ICB is seeking providers to hold a locally agreed range and minimum quantity of emergency palliative care drugs (based on the Sussex palliative and end of life care prescribing guidance) with a commitment to ensure that users of this service have prompt access to these medicines during the pharmacy's regular core and supplementary hours.

The ICB are now inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from registered community pharmacies in Sussex with an NHS dispensing contract to provide this service from 1 November 2025 - 31 March 2028.

The eligibility of community pharmacy providers is listed below:

Essential criteria

The participating community pharmacies must be:

- Located within either East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove
- Meet the core contractual obligations required by NHS England for the Essential Services within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.
- Contracted days will be for a minimum of opening Monday to Saturday with core hours a minimum of 40 hours per week.
- Able to access the pharmacies NHS e-mail during operating hours listed above.
- Must be able to access the list of other NHS pharmacies participating in this scheme hosted on the NHS Sussex intranet to effectively signpost patients.

Exclusion criteria

- Community pharmacies outside Sussex.
- Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As detailed in the tender documentation / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 November 2025

End date

31 March 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Under the Provider Selection Regime 2023, the option of a Direct Award will be considered by the Commissioner.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

11 September 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

12 September 2025

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract 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 Procurement Act 2023 and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

Providers who wish to take part in the Commissioning Process should contact
sxicb.sussex-lcs-claims@nhs.net

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex ICB

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHSE

Skipton House, 80 London Road

London

SE1 6LH

Country

United Kingdom

