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Planning

NENC057- LGBTQ+ Mental Health Support Service - Sunderland and South Tyneside - Request for Information - NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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Scope

Reference

NENC057

Description

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the Contracting Authority), are conducting a Request for Information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver LGBTQ+ Mental Health Support Service - Sunderland and South Tyneside for young people within the South Tyneside and Sunderland areas of the ICB footprint.

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85312320 - Counselling services

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside
- UKC23 - Sunderland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

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It is anticipated that TUPE may apply to the South Tyneside current service elements.

This is a Procurement Act 2023 intended approach notice.

The awarding of this contract is subject to the Procurement Act 2023 and the Procurement Regulations 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this service.

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 on the Central Digital Platform (CDP).

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

12 noon on Friday 12 September 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:

Phone number 02922 809277 and by email at support-health@atamis.co.uk

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

RFI documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 29 August 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMYZ-6944-BYLH

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