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Planning

NHSE987 Children and Young People in Special Education Settings Sight Testing Service - RFI

NHS England - North West

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-053553

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059333

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England - North West

Merseyside

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

Q75

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-west/contact-us/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://health-family.force.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

NHSE987 Children and Young People in Special Education Settings Sight Testing Service - RFI

Reference number

NHSE987

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85160000 - Optician services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working for and on behalf of NHS England - North West (the Relevant Authority) who 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 a Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) sight testing service in Special Educational Settings in the North West.

The closing date for submission of RFI response is by Noon on 30 September 2025.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS England - North West (the Relevant Authority) who are undertaking a market landscaping exercise in relation to Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) sight testing service in Special Educational Settings.

This market landscaping exercise is a request for information and is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise.

It is important to note that this Market landscaping exercise is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future competition opportunity once the contract notice is published on Find a Tender.

II.2.14) Additional information

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, will be conducted via Atamis:

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

If you find that you need any advice or technical support on the Atamis portal please contact the helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 0988201

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Opening times 8am - 6pm

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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