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Market Engagement Webinar - Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (West Midlands)

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Market Engagement Webinar - Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (West Midlands)

Reference number

AG25014

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Prior Information Notice (PIN)

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England – Midlands (West) (referred to as the Commissioner) wish to inform the market of a future procurement opportunity for a Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP). The DESP service is expected to cover the following ICB areas in the West Midlands region: -

1. NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board (STW ICB) and
2. NHS Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (SSOT ICB).

The Commissioner would like to invite interested Providers to a Market Engagement Webinar taking place on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 11:00am via MS Teams, prior to the publication of the formal tender which is due to be published November 2025. The Market Engagement Webinar will be split into two parts as follows: -

1. Background on the proposed service.
2. Information on the Procurement Process.

If your organisation is interested in attending the Market Engagement Webinar, then please register your interest by responding to the short questionnaire on Atamis by 10:00am on Monday 10th November 2025 by following the instructions given in section VI.3.0.1 - Additional information below.

Please note, a MS Teams link for the event will only be shared by email to relevant attendees who have completed and submitted the questionnaire on Atamis to register their interest. Attendees are restricted to two people per organisation and invites will be sent to all registered attendees on Monday 10th November 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £31,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121281 - Ophthalmologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Main site or place of performance

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II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England is responsible for commissioning Section 7A Public Health services which include the NHS Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP).

The DESP programme/service is designed to detect diabetic retinopathy and other eye conditions in people with diabetes. The programme offers eye screenings to diabetic patients aged 12 and above. Screening appointments are typically offered at local venues linked to the patient's GP practice and HM Prison detained settings.

The goal is to identify any eye problems early on, allowing for timely treatment and reducing the risk of sight loss. If a positive screening result is found, patients are referred

to a hospital eye service for further evaluation and management.

NHS England - West Midlands, has reviewed the existing DESP services delivered in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board (STW ICB) and the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (SSOT ICB). These services cater to an eligible population of 123,243 individuals.

With the current contract nearing its end, the new procurement aims to achieve the following benefits:

- Improve patient engagement and outcomes
- Enhance stakeholder relationships to foster collaboration, innovation and continuous improvement in the delivery of the service.
- Quality assurance
- More cost-effective use of NHS resources.

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II.2.14) Additional information

Please note the Contract Notice Publish date is only indicative at this time and is subject to change

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 November 2025

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is purely an early engagement exercise; any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.

This is a market testing exercise and does not commit the Commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements.

The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the Provider Selection Regime(PSR) Notice. The awarding of this contract will be subject to the HealthCare Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this market engagement exercise. To express an interest and access the questionnaire go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link: <https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects> and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C387688 - EOI: Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) - NHS England (West Midlands).

Please note the deadline to complete the questionnaire to confirm you place at the Market Engagement Webinar is 10:00am on Monday 10th November 2025.