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## **Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme (OPIP)**

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

Endeavour House, Russell Road

Ipswich

IP12BX

#### **Email**

[procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

#### **NHS Organisation Data Service**

QJG

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastessex.icb.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/aspx/Home>

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

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme (OPIP)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (SNEE ICB) is preparing a bid for the national Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme (OPIP) and is inviting input from potential partners, providers, and innovators to help shape a truly impactful and sustainable approach to obesity care across the area.

This work builds on SNEE ICB's ongoing efforts to improve access and referral management for individuals living with overweight and obesity. We are committed to strengthening care pathways across the system - reducing barriers, expanding capacity, and ensuring timely, effective support for those who need it. These ambitions align with our wider goal of developing a more responsive, equitable, and integrated model of care.

## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We are inviting expressions of interest and innovative ideas to inform our OPIP application across one or both funding strands:

- Strand 1: Improving access and management of weight management services
- Strand 2: Developing new or enhanced care pathways, including community and specialist support

To inform their bid, the ICB is launching a market engagement opportunity to explore innovative ideas, technologies and service models that could support their competitive response.

Providers and partners interested in engaging with SNEE ICB have 2 options available to them, express an interest within the e-procurement system and complete the registration questionnaire, then either:

- request a 1:1 session with commissioners or,

- submit a written response only.

Please note, the optional 30-minute session will be on Thursday 30th October or Friday 31st October. These requests will be prioritised to organisations who can most directly support achieving our ambition. Slots will be confirmed on Tuesday 28th October.

Please note: This soft market engagement is solely to support the development of our OPIP funding bid. If successful, the ICB will undertake further market engagement to refine the model and proceed with an appropriate procurement process to invite formal offers for service delivery.

Prior to this the ICB would like to understand the level of interest in the market and responses to the questions posed below.

1. What best practice and innovation are you currently involved in within other localities?
2. Do you have any ideas, models, or approaches you would like to suggest to help shape our bid? If so, what are they?
3. How would you contribute to support patients using an outreach model?
4. How would your service or innovation align to the principles in the NHS 10-year plan?

If you would like to be involved in the market engagement, please make contact with [procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk), with your organisation name and an outline of the support / offer your organisation would be able to provide.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 April 2026

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## **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