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Tender

Primary Care healthcare waste collection and disposal service to General Practice and Community Pharmacy for NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board (ICB)

NHS SOMERSET INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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Scope

Reference

C400424

Description

Somerset Integrated Care Board (ICB) is seeking a provider with the capability and capacity to deliver a Primary Care healthcare waste collection and disposal service to General Practice and Community Pharmacy. The services in the tender include:

1. Collection & transport of healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste
2. Storage of healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste

3. Treatment of healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste
4. Incineration of healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste
5. Provision of reusable and single use containers for healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste
6. Decontamination of reusable containers for healthcare waste and pharmaceutical waste
7. Promoting waste segregation and compliance
8. Healthcare and pharmaceutical waste tracking data including Duty of Care compliance

The commissioner has a maximum financial envelope available of £386,000 per annum, inclusive of VAT. The total maximum contract value for the 5-year Contract is £1,930,000, inclusive VAT. At the end of the initial contract term the Commissioner will have extension options of up to 4 years in total, made of 2 x 24 month periods, which will be awarded at the Commissioner's discretion, giving a maximum possible contract value of £3,474,000 inclusive of VAT over 9 years if the full contract term is fulfilled.

The Commissioner is of the view that TUPE does not apply to this service

The new contract will commence on the 1st of October 2026 with mobilisation planned from April 2026

Total value (estimated)

- £2,895,000 excluding VAT
- £3,474,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2031
- Possible extension to 30 September 2035

- 9 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract may be extended for up to a further 4 years, made up of 4 x 12 month extension periods, which may be exercised at the commissioner's discretion.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90524100 - Clinical-waste collection services
- 90524200 - Clinical-waste disposal services

Contract locations

- UKK23 - Somerset

Justification for not using lots

- The service has not been split into separate lots such as collection and disposal/treatment. Since managing multiple contracts would make the combined service disproportionality expensive for the commissioner to manage.
 - Multiple contracts for the delivery of this service could increase technical risk and add uncertainty to which party is responsible and accountable, thereby making the management of contract liability between parties more complex.
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

The ITT documentation within the e-procurement system sets out the minimum level of economic and financial standing threshold within the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

Technical ability conditions of participation

The ITT documentation within the e-procurement system sets out the technical ability conditions of participation within the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

16 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the bid documentation (including questionnaires), you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and be able to submit a bid.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality		Quality	60%
Price		Price	25%
Social Value		Quality	10%
Value for Money	Value for Money and Financial risk management	Price	5%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

- Regulatory Shift; more stringent environmental legislation and/or updates to technical guidance (HTM 07-01 revisions) e.g. Expansion of the Emissions Trading scheme for Waste incineration.
- Increase in demand for plastic recycling exceeds growth in recycling capacity
- Emergence of electric HGV into the market in the next 5-10 years and uncertainty of their charging requirements, range and viability (Particularly in rural areas).
- Potential requirement for new infrastructure, equipment and containers, for example recyclable cardboard containers
- Clustering or Merging of Commissioning organisation,
- Market Volatility; Fluctuations in the cost of fuel, labour, and disposal processes (e.g., incineration costs)

Please see Known Risks described in Appendix 11 of the tender documentation for further details.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Market Engagement has been conducted, please see related notices: Healthcare Waste Services in General Practice and Community Pharmacy

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Documents

Associated tender documents

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

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Contracting authority

NHS SOMERSET INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWYW-4754-LMYV

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BA22 8HR

United Kingdom

Email: scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net

Region: UKK23 - Somerset

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS South Central and West CSU

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement support

- NHS Organisation Data Service: ODF
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXTZ-5316-XWPW

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Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Contact organisation

Contact NHS South Central and West CSU for any enquiries.