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## Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (West Midlands)

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05abbc

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### Section I: Contracting authority

#### I.1) Name and addresses

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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**

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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### **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**

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**

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England – Midlands (West) (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver 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 NHS Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) is designed to reduce the risk of sight loss in people with diabetes by identifying and referring cases of sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy early. This procurement aims to ensure equitable access to high-quality screening services across a diverse and geographically widespread population, supporting timely detection and intervention.

The Service is intended to be provided from 1st January 2027 for a period of 7 years, with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 2 years (total contract duration, including extensions is 9 years), till 31st December 2036 and will be delivered under a NHS Standard Contract.

Please note the deadline for responses to the Competitive Process is 10:00am on Monday 12th January 2026. If your organisation is interested in this opportunity and would like details on how you can view the tender documentation, please refer to section V1.3 –

Additional Information below.

#### **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

Shropshire and Staffordshire

#### **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.

The service will operate across Staffordshire, including Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford, Cannock

Chase, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Tamworth, South Staffordshire, Staffordshire Moorlands, and Newcastle-under-Lyme and in Shropshire, covering Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrekin, Bridgnorth, Oswestry, and Ludlow.

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.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £31,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 January 2027

End date

31 December 2036

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is for a period of 7 years, with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 2 years (total contract duration, including extensions is 9 years), till 31st December 2036 and will be delivered under a NHS Standard Contract.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-063775](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2025/s-000-063775)

##### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

12 January 2026

Local time

10:00am

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 January 2026

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this procurement exercise. Further information and the ITT documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering system at the following link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/?SearchType=Projects>

You can also register your interest via this page. You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C384799: Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) across Shropshire and Staffordshire

The Basic Selection Questions are Pass/Fail and the award criteria for the Key Criteria Questions are as follows and these will be scored on a 0-5 scoring mechanism;

Key Criteria 1: Quality and Innovation: 25.00%

Key Criteria 2: Value: 20.00%

Key Criteria 3: Integration, Collaboration and Services Sustainability: 30.00%

Key Criteria 4: Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice: 15.00%

Key Criteria 5: Social Value: 10.00%

The evaluation stages are as follows;

Stage 1: Preliminary compliance review

Stage 2: Evaluation of the Financial Model Template

Stage 3: Evaluation of the Basic Selection Question

Stage 4: Evaluation of the responses to the Core Requirement Questions

Stage 5: Evaluation of Key Criteria Questions

Stage 6: Evaluation of Section E – Economic and Financial

Stage 7: Provider Notification of Evaluation Outcome.

Neither the publication of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations.

Please see published procurement documentation for further details.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Independent patient choice and procurement panel

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Country

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