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Tender

Sight Testing in Special Education Settings in the East of England

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.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

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

Sight Testing in Special Education Settings in the East of England

Reference number

AG25526

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85160000 - Optician services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (ICB) (referred to as the Commissioner) wish to inform the market of opportunities (multiple lots) to provide Sight Testing in Special Education Settings in the East of England for the following Lots:

Lot 1- Bedfordshire, Luton And Milton Keynes ICB

Lot 2- Cambridgeshire And Peterborough ICB

Lot 3 - Hertfordshire And West Essex ICB (Hertfordshire only)

The contract length is 1 year with the option to extend for a further year. The service commencement date is 01 April 2026.

It is anticipated that the service provision resulting from the Competitive Process will have an annual value of £635,528.36, divided as below for Lots:

Lot 1- Bedfordshire, Luton And Milton Keynes ICB - circa £209,000 per annum (excluding VAT)

Lot 2- Cambridgeshire And Peterborough ICB - circa £204,000 per annum (excluding VAT)

Lot 3 - Hertfordshire And West Essex ICB – circa £222,528.36 per annum (excluding VAT)(Hertfordshire only)

Please note the deadline for responses is 12:00pm (Mid-Day) on 16 January 2026.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,271,056.72

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

C. Lot 1 - NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85160000 - Optician services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH21 - Luton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 - NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB

Lot 1 covers the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICBs geographical area. Please access to Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Estimated annual value: circa £209,000 per annum (excluding VAT)

For details on the Special Education Settings and schools capacity, please access the Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Contract Length: 1 year (+ 1 optional year extension)

The contract is expected to start on 01 April 2026.

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: £418,000

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

D. Lot 2 - NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85160000 - Optician services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 - NHS Cambridgeshire And Peterborough ICB

Lot 2 covers the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICBs geographical area. Please access to Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Estimated annual value: circa £204,000 per annum (excluding VAT)

For details on the Special Education Settings and schools capacity, please access the Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Contract Length: 1 year (+ 1 optional year extension)

The contract is expected to start on 01 April 2026.

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: £408,000

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

E. Lot 3 - NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB (Hertfordshire only)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85160000 - Optician services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 - NHS Hertfordshire And West Essex ICB (Hertfordshire only)

Lot 3 covers the Hertfordshire geographical area. Please access to Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Estimated annual value: circa £222,528.36 per annum (excluding VAT)

For details on the Special Education Settings and schools capacity, please access the Documentation suite on the atamis e-tendering portal for further information.

Contract Length: 1 year (+ 1 optional year extension)

The contract is expected to start on 01 April 2026.

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: £445,056.72

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 year contract with option for 1 year extension

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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

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

Date

16 January 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 January 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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.

This is a one stage Competitive Process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

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: C404118 - Sight Testing in Special Education Settings in the East of England

The Basic Selection Criteria are scored on a combination of pass/fail and For Information Only. The award criteria for the Key Criteria Questions are as follows and these will be scored on a combination of a 0-5 scoring mechanism and pass/fail:

Key Criteria: Section 1: Quality & Innovation - 37%

Key Criteria: Section 2: Value - Pass/Fail

Key Criteria: Section 3: Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability - 42%

Key Criteria: Section 4: Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice - 11%

Key Criteria: Section 5: Social Value - 10%

The evaluation stages are as follows:

Stage 1: Preliminary compliance review

Stage 2: Evaluation of the Basic Selection Criteria responses (Sections A – L). Offers that fail any of the required Pass/Fail questions will be disqualified and not considered further.

Stage 3: Evaluation of responses to the Key Criteria Questions (Sections 1 – 5)

Stage 3a: Moderation

Stage 3b: Clarification (if required, at Commissioners discretion)

Stage 3c: Moderation (if required)

Stage 4: Provider Notification of Evaluation Outcome Providers will be notified of the outcome via the AGCSU e-tendering portal.

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 Competitive Process procurement documentation for further details.

Please note the deadline for responses to the Competitive Process is 12:00pm (Mid-Day) on 16 January 2026.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Independent patient choice and procurement panel

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