

United Kingdom-Sittingbourne: Health services

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: NHS Swale CCG

Postal address: Bramblefield Clinic, Grovehurst Road

Town: Sittingbourne

NUTS code: UKJ4 Kent

Postal code: ME10 2ST

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Laura Devine

E-mail: laura.devine@soeprocurement.nhs.uk**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.swaleccg.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/soepscommissioning>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

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**

AQP (Any Qualified Provider) GP Direct Access Adult Hearing Service — NHS Swale CCG.

Reference number: NHS/SoEPS/16.276

II.1.2. Main CPV code

85100000 Health services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

NHS South of England Procurement Services, acting on behalf of NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (the Commissioner) is commencing an AQP Offer for the provision of a GP Direct Access Adult Hearing Service for NHS Swale CCG patients. The aim is to provide a comprehensive service for adults experiencing hearing and communication difficulties who feel they might benefit from hearing assessment and rehabilitation including the option of trying hearing aids with aftercare and support, in line with the National Commissioning Framework, other national guidance and local requirements.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKJ42 Kent CC

Main site or place of performance: NHS Swale CCG.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

NHS South of England Procurement Services, acting on behalf of NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (the Commissioner) is commencing an AQP Offer for the provision of a GP Direct Access Adult Hearing Service for NHS Swale CCG patients. The aim is to provide a comprehensive service for adults experiencing hearing and communication difficulties who feel they might benefit from hearing assessment and rehabilitation including the option of trying hearing aids with aftercare and support, in line with the National Commissioning Framework, other national guidance and local requirements. All providers of Adult Hearing Services must ensure that there are local arrangements for referral into more specialist medical services in line with British Academy of Audiology (BAA) Guidelines for Direct Referral of Adults with Hearing Difficulty to Audiology Services (2016 — currently in draft) and British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists (BSHAA) Protocol and Criteria for Referral for Medical or other Specialist Opinion (2011).

The purpose of the Adult Hearing Service is to ensure:

- Equitable access to high and consistent quality care for all people using the service;
- A safe hearing service that conforms to the accreditation standards set out in the Improving Quality In Physiological Diagnostic Services (IQIPS) Accreditation Scheme;
- The service should also recognise published clinical guidelines and good practice

The CCG will have regular performance meetings (quarterly) with accredited AQP providers to review performance of the service. Please note that as this is an AQP there are no guaranteed or indicative volumes of activity within the contract.

Please access the procurement documents for further information.

Bidders are invited to access the procurement documentation at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning>.

The deadline for submission of completed ITT submissions is Thursday 6.4.2017 at 12:00 (midday). Late submissions will not be accepted. The e-portal system will shutdown at 12:00 and any unsubmitted bids not registered to the system at this time will not be accepted.

Therefore, please submit in good time prior to the deadline date and time.

Project title: AQP (Any Qualified Provider) GP Direct Access Adult Hearing Service — NHS Swale CCG, please access the ITT for all documents. Should Bidders have any queries, or are having problems using the portal, they should contact the In-tend dedicated Supplier Helpdesk by calling 0845 557 8079 Monday to Friday (9:00 to 18:00) or email support@in-tend.co.uk.

All communications should be made via the messaging function on the In-tend E-Tendering portal. During the tender exercise the Contracting Authority requests that all communications are channelled through the appointed procurement specialist on behalf of NHS South of England Procurement Services and not with the Contracting Authority itself. No Bidder, Bidder Member, or any of such Bidder's advisors, consultants or subcontractors may have ex parte communications with the Contracting Authority or any of their employees, advisors, contractors or consultants regarding the ITT, the Procurement, other than as expressly permitted in this ITT.

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: 1,00 GBP

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

Start: 01/07/2017 End: 01/07/2020

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:

Commissioner reserves the right to extend the 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

II.2.14. Additional information

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

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

As per Specification, provided within procurement documents.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1.

Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**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: 06/04/2017 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**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: 06/04/2017 Local time: 12:00

Place:

Online via In-Tend e-procurement portal.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information**VI.4. Procedures for review****VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: NHS South of England Procurement Services

Town: Lewes

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

07/03/2017