

United Kingdom-Rugeley: Health services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: NHS Staffordshire and Lancashire CSU
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Town: Rugeley
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Country: United Kingdom
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <https://cmcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

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

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Health

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 25: Health and social services

Main site or place of performance: South Staffordshire.

NUTS code UKG24 Staffordshire CC

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Clinical Commissioning Groups in South Staffordshire are seeking to procure an ASD diagnostic and intervention service for children and young people within their area.

We are seeking a provider able to provide a high quality, user focussed service that will provide effective diagnostic services in line with the NICE guidelines.

The selected provider will be able to demonstrate an ability to work effectively with other agencies in the delivery of the diagnostic service to ensure the appropriate 'work up' of information to commence an assessment for ASD. Such agencies will include local community paediatric services, CAMHS, learning disability services and social and education providers. The latter will include schools and special schools. The local authority (Staffordshire County Council) currently provide an Autism Outreach Service to diagnosed children attending local schools hence an effective partnership is required with this service as well as education psychology and other school support services.

The scope of the assessment service will include children and young people with learning disabilities who are suspected as having autism.

Currently there is a high demand for the assessment service but the resources base for this contract has yet to be finalised hence interested parties are asked to consider their ability to deliver up to 600 diagnostic assessments per annum across South Staffordshire. The provider should also be able to deliver a service within the localities of South Staffordshire to reduce travel times for families. It is therefore expected that services would be delivered from at least 3 settings in South Staffordshire.

The provider should be able to offer a range of multi-disciplinary staff to undertake the diagnostic assessments and there should be a high focus on involving the child/family at all stages of the process.

The procurement will also cover the delivery of an intervention service that will be offered to children and young people diagnosed as having ASD (including Aspergers). The range and scope of intervention services will be agreed with the commissioners of the service but are likely to include both group and individual sessions with children and their families. In particular it is anticipated that Introduction to Autism courses would be offered to families in receipt of a recent diagnosis but there will be interventions offered to groups of children and their families regarding specific issues (such as dealing with emotions, adaptive skills). Individual interventions will also be available to families to support the management of behaviour and these approaches will focus on supporting the child within the family to allow them to have a community presence and access mainstream resources and opportunities.

The service will be expected to provide a support service (telephone or web based service) to parents of diagnosed children.

The volume and scale of interventions will be agreed with commissioners based on the available resources and the volume of assessments being undertaken. It is not expected that the provider would offer intensive support programmes in the community but would provide specialist support to other providers in effectively managing risk and allowing children and young people to play an active role in their communities.

The successful provider will have a sound understanding of agreeing and measuring outcomes for children and young people in receipt of interventions.

The service is expected to provide specialist advice and guidance to other professionals involved in joint work with diagnosed children including education services and health providers. A limited amount of training provision will also be required if agreed by the commissioner.

The service provider will seek to avoid the utilisation of medication as part of any intervention programme offered but in exceptional circumstances this may be required hence the ability to prescribe would be advantageous.

Interested providers should have demonstrable experience of delivering an effective ASD care pathway in conjunction with a range of other providers and the ability to effectively engage and empower families.

Expressions of interest are therefore requested from providers with the relevant skills, knowledge and experience to meet the specification for the assessment and intervention service. The geographical scope of the service is that of the 4 CCGs operating in South Staffordshire (i.e. East Staffordshire CCG, South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG, Cannock Chase CCG and Stafford and Surrounds CCG).

The successful provider will be required to sign the relevant national NHS contract for the service, accepting all terms and conditions.

Bidders are invited to express an interest in providing this service by email to Elaine Butler by Monday 14.10.2013. The following information must be stated in the email:

Organisation Name

Organisation Address

Telephone number

Email Address

Website Address

Organisation Type

Bidders are also required to register on the portal at: <https://cmcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge). If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register.

The services to which this advertisement relates fall within Part B of Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations. Neither placement of this advertisement nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound by any Regulations, save those applicable to Part B services.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

85100000 Health services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1.

Deposits and guarantees required

Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances. See the invitation to offer for further details.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: Any supplier may be disqualified who:

- (a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where his affairs are being administered by the court, where he has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where he has suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;
- (b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations;
- (c) has been convicted by a judgment which has the force of res judicata in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct;
- (d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate;
- (e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;
- (f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;
- (g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this Section or has not supplied such information;
- (h) has been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;
- (i) has been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Council Act of 26 May 1972 and Article 3(1) of Council Joint Action 98/742/JHA3 respectively;
- (j) has been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities;
- (k) has been the subject of a conviction for money laundering, as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC of 10 June 1991 on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: The following may be requested in assessing potential bidders' economic and financial capacity:

- (a) appropriate statements from banks or, where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;
- (b) the presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication

of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established;

(c) a statement of overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last 2 financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available. Please refer to the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and/or Memorandum of Information for specific requirements.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Staffordshire and Lancashire CSU requires that potential bidders, in submitting their expression of interest, register at: <https://cmcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> Failure to respond to register on the portal as required will result in an incomplete expression of interest. Please refer to Section VI.3) below for additional information.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

14.10.2013 - 17:00

IV.3.5.

Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted
English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

If and when this requirement is offered to tender, this will be done via electronic means using the internet, and may also be through the medium of an electronic reverse auction.

Staffordshire and Lancashire CSU is conducting this procurement exercise as a central purchasing body for another NHS body (please refer to the MOI for details) with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into contracts for the supply of the services. Any other public sector body wishing to access the contract may do so only with permission from the contracting NHS body. The contract conditions will be set out in the Invitation to Tender.

Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the course of the tender process.

Submission of expression of interest and procurement specific information

This exercise will be conducted on the Central Midlands CSU portal at:

<https://cmcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> Candidates wishing to be considered must register their expression of interest and provide additional procurement-specific information (by registering on the Bravo portal) through the portal as follows: i) Candidates should register on the portal at: <https://cmcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge). If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register.

ii) Once registered, candidates must express interest by a) logging-in to the Central Midlands CSU eTendering portal. You must submit your reply on the website by the deadline stated. For technical support in submitting your expression of interest contact the BravoSolution Help-desk on: 0800 368 4850 or: help@bravosolution.co.uk

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG

Postal address: Merlin House

Town: Tamworth

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

11.9.2013

