

United Kingdom-Doncaster: Services provided by medical personnel

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: NHS Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group

Postal address: Sovereign House, Heavens Walk

Town: Doncaster

Postal code: DN4 5HZ

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Phil Tolan

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.doncasterccg.nhs.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.nhssourcing.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: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

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

Home Oxygen Services.

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: Doncaster.

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

The Department of Health figures indicate that 85 000 patients in England have oxygen at home at an annual cost of about 100 million GBP. It is estimated however that between 24 and 43 % of the oxygen provided is not used or delivers little or no clinical benefit. Some patients may be given oxygen to treat breathlessness but unless they are hypoxic, at rest or on exercise, there can be no benefit and it should not be prescribed. Waste may also result from inappropriate methods of delivery e.g. cylinders for usage of more than 4 hours a day or prescription of ambulatory devices for people confined to the home.

The majority of patients who are prescribed oxygen have respiratory disease, typically COPD (approximately 60 % of all patients requiring oxygen), cystic fibrosis or pulmonary fibrosis and some patients with chronic asthma or sleep disordered breathing. Some patients with cardiac or neurological disease can also benefit from oxygen and it is an important element of palliative care medicine.

The Outcomes Strategy for COPD and Asthma and the subsequent NHS Companion Document to the Strategy suggested the NHS could:

- ensure routine pulse oximetry in people with COPD whose FEV1 is lower than 50 % predicted to identify those who may need long-term home oxygen therapy and, for those identified, ensure structured assessment of need by a home oxygen assessment and review service

The NICE Clinical Guideline for COPD recommends home oxygen assessment and review, stating that:

- the need for oxygen therapy should be assessed in:
 - all patients with very severe airflow obstruction (FEV1 < 30 % predicted)
 - patients with cyanosis
 - patients with polycythaemia
 - patients with peripheral oedema
 - patients with a raised jugular venous pressure
 - patients with oxygen saturations \leq 92 % breathing air.
- assessment should also be considered in patients with severe airflow obstruction (FEV1 30–49 % predicted).
- the assessment of patients for long-term oxygen therapy (LTOT) should comprise the measurement of arterial blood gases on two occasions at least 3 weeks apart in patients who have a confident diagnosis of COPD, who are receiving optimum medical management and whose COPD is stable.
- patients receiving LTOT should be reviewed at least once per year by practitioners familiar with LTOT and this review should include pulse oximetry.

The NICE Quality Standard for COPD also highlights the importance home oxygen assessment and review:

- People with COPD potentially requiring long-term oxygen therapy are assessed in accordance with NICE guidance by a specialist oxygen service.
- People with COPD receiving long-term oxygen therapy are reviewed in accordance with NICE guidance, at least annually, by a specialist oxygen service as part of the integrated clinical management of their COPD.

The Home Oxygen Service: Good practice guide for assessment and review, published by Primary Care Commissioning, describes the content of a HOS-AR Service for people who might require oxygen therapy

It is imperative that all oxygen patients have the correct assessment to ensure that all patients who require home oxygen receive the correct device at the correct flow rates and have an understanding appropriate to their requirements. Also all patients being considered for the potential benefits of oxygen therapy are assessed to ensure appropriateness of prescribing

determine needs and provide the necessary information for the patient to gain optimum therapeutic benefit.

Adults who are prescribed oxygen often have respiratory disease, typically Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis or pulmonary fibrosis. It is also used as treatment for some hypoxic patients with cardiac disease and some neurological disorders, e.g. cluster headaches. Children with chronic lung disease who live in the community, including survivors of premature birth, may require home oxygen. Oxygen is sometimes also of value for palliation in end-of-life care.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender~:

1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)
 - Browse to the eSourcing Portal: <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk> and click the link to register.
 - Accept the terms and conditions and click 'continue'.
 - Enter your correct business and user details.
 - Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete.
 - You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure).
 2. Express an Interest in the tender:
 - Login to the portal with the username/password.
 - Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier.)
 - Click on the relevant PQQ/ ITT to access the content.
 - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page.
 - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only) - You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box.
 3. Responding to the tender:
 - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining).
 - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification.
 - Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT.
 - There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.
- This notice is voluntary and non mandatory on the basis of it being a contract for part B services.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: yes

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision: See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: See published tender documentation at <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk>.

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

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

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

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

WSYB/DONC/PT/13/04

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

Payable documents: no

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

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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

until: 1.4.2014

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3. Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use a reverse auction.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Co-operation and Competition Panel
Postal address: Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road
Town: London
Postal code: SE1 8UG
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: enquiries@monitor.gov.uk
Telephone: +44 2037470000
Internet address: <http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk>

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

30.10.2013