

**United Kingdom-Bristol: Health and social work services**  
**OJ S 216/2018 09/11/2018**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Postal address: South Plaza, Marlborough Street

Town: Bristol

NUTS code: UKK South West (England)

Postal code: BS1 3NX

Country: United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

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

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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**

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Service across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Reference number: PR002096

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

85000000 Health and social work services

**II.1.3.**

## **Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4. Short description**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, the Commissioner, is seeking to commission an Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The Commissioner is taking an innovative and positive new approach that locates the mandated clinical IAPT interventions within the wider socio-economic context. It is expected that this will maximize the effectiveness of the clinical IAPT interventions and improve service user outcomes. Refer to the service specification within the procurement documentation for the full service description, Commissioner approach and service outcomes. The contract duration will be for 10 years from 1.9.2019, with a break clause after 3 years. The Commissioner has an annual budget of up to 8 240 000 GBP per annum. This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 82 400 000,00 GBP

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

85000000 Health and social work services, 85320000 Social services, 85312320 Counselling services, 85312300 Guidance and counselling services, 85300000 Social work and related services, 85121270 Psychiatrist or psychologist services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKK South West (England)

Main site or place of performance:

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG), the Commissioner, is seeking to commission an Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The causal connection between poverty, unemployment and social isolation and common mental health difficulties is well evidenced. The Commissioner has therefore taken an innovative and positive new approach that locates the mandated clinical IAPT interventions within the wider socio-economic context in which the service and its users exist. It is expected that, through a strong outward-focus and the establishment of formal referral connections to and from a wide range of existing external (largely local authority funded) provision across the area, within limited resources, the clinical IAPT interventions will be better supported to maximize their effectiveness and sustainability and improve service user outcomes. The outward-looking ethos of this service will require a holistic assessment that understands psychological issues in the wider context in which they exist. A wholly clinical assessment will not be sufficient to gain such an understanding of each person and could lead to failure to pick up on important factors that cause or influence the presenting issue. Refer to the service specification within the procurement documentation for the full service description, Commissioner approach and service outcomes. The contract duration will be for 10 years from 1.9.2019, with a break clause after 3 years. The Commissioner has an annual budget of up to

8 240 000 GBP per annum. It is the Bidder's sole responsibility to determine whether or not Value Added Tax ("VAT") should apply to their bid. In the event that VAT does apply, all prices shown must be inclusive of this within the bid. The commissioners will accept no liability for any additional costs incurred by bidders associated with VAT, which is not already included in the bid price. This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

**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: 82 400 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 120

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Contract subject to renewal

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

**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**

The Services are healthcare services within the meaning and scope of Annex XIV of Directive 2014/24/EU (the Directive) and Schedule 3 to the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (the Regulations), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the Light Touch Regime", (Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations).

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**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1. Conditions for participation**

**III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

**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.1.3. 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: yes

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

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

Date: 09/01/2019 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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date: 09/01/2019 Local time: 12:00

Place:

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

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

Interested providers will be able to view this notice via the "current tenders" list on the e-procurement system (In-Tend), available on the following link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

In order to submit a bid, you will need to register on the e-procurement system and "express an interest" and then complete all necessary questions as specified within the documents. On registration, please include at least 2 contacts to allow for access to the system in times of absence. The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the Regulations) which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the Light Touch Regime contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77). The tendering process will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority will run a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the regulations or the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services. Neither the inclusion of a Bidder selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority (open, restricted, competitive procedure with negotiation, competitive dialogue or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be

taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the directive or regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive/Schedule 3 of the Regulations. The Contracting Authority intends to voluntarily observe the award decision notices provisions and 10 day standstill period described in Regulation 86 of the regulations. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive scores and reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the Bidder/application was unsuccessful. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the regulations.

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

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

Official name: NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG)

Postal address: South Plaza, Marlborough Street

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS1 3NX

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/>

##### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

As described in VI.3), deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the 2015 Regulations.

#### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

07/11/2018