**NHS England**

**NHS Cervical Screening- self sampling In Service Evaluation**

NHS England is to conduct market engagement to obtain input and feedback in preparation for a potential tender of an NHS Cervical screening Self- sampling In Service Evaluation (ISE) service.

The aim of the service is to support the cervical screening programme in the ISE for self-sampling cervical screening devices.

The ISE will be an ethically approved research study nested in the English NHS Cervical Screening Programme and It is anticipated that the ISE will commence in Autumn 2024.
The provider of the self-sampling service model will be responsible for:

• self-sampling kit design (in line with NHS CSP requirements)
• kit assembly (including printing of supplementary contents and labelling)
• packaging and the accompanying kit instructions/letter
• distribution to participants opting for a self-sample, through interface/download from Cervical Screening Administration Service or ISE portal/app
• participant prompt/reminders
• provision of addressed envelope/packaging for onward postage of completed kit to the laboratory
• helpline for advice/replacement kits

The Contracting Authority would like to gather soft intelligence from the market and is publishing a Request for Information (RFI).

The RFI and further documentation will be available on the from Thursday 24th August and the deadline for responses will be 12 Noon on Monday 25th September. Please note that all communications and RFI submissions will be conducted via the [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/) The portal can be accessed at any time of the day and it is free to register.

Expressions of interest to meet with the contracting authority to further explore responses to the Request for Information is not required at this stage, however maybe required at a later stage. Please indicate on Question 24 of Appendix A if you would be happy to participate in the supplier meetings should the contracting authority wish to do so. Supplier meetings will be allocated on a first come first served basis via Atamis. All written responses will be considered regardless of whether interested parties wish to participate or are invited to participate in meetings.

Please note that this exercise is **not** part of any pre-qualification process. It is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise offering an opportunity for provider organisations to help inform potential future service models and/or commissioning intentions.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise, express an interest to meet the contracting authority and obtain a copy of the Request for Information documentation please go to the [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/)

NHS England is utilising an electronic tendering tool (e-Tendering system) to manage this market engagement exercise and communicate with potential bidders in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended).

It is free to register on [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/), which can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should you have any queries, or you are having problems registering please contact the helpdesk:

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