**NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit**

**NHS England South West - Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for NHS England South West**

**Contracts Finder – Additional Information**

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| The overarching aim of the re-commissioning exercise is to secure a provider for the Devon School Aged Immunisations Programme for a one year period to provide continuity of service pending a full re-procurement in 2024.  The services within scope include:  The school aged immunisation programme within Devon as including  • Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations  • Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) booster  • Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) conjugate vaccine  • School-aged children’s Seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations  • Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch up vaccinations  In May 2022 a NICE guideline was published with the aim of supporting to increase Vaccine uptake in the general population [NG218]. Any new service must adhere to the recommendations.  The following services are out of scope:  • Covid-19 vaccination for the extremely vulnerable  • School children attending schools outside of the Devon, Torbay and Plymouth authorities.  References made to standards and guidance throughout the specifications are in line with existing and current guidance; where standards and guidance are reviewed and updated during the life of the contract, School Aged Immunisation services must maintain compliance with any changes and as such the contract may be varied accordingly.  The current eligible population is 158,498 and the majority attend one of the 414 Primary Schools or 134 Secondary Schools.  We are looking for a provider/s that can provide continuity of service to the School Aged Population of Devon. The provider will seek to  • maintain uptake in all areas  • maintain coverage of service  • maintain progress to work towards a consistent service across the region  • continue to provide targeted interventions to improve uptake in vulnerable groups  • maintain excellent relationships with schools in the Devon area  • maintain excellent engagement with stakeholders including service users to ensure the best service model is available.  • align with the national immunisation strategy  In addition to above the provider will work with NHSE to identify opportunities within the short term of the contract to-  • identify priority areas for targeted investment to improve uptake amongst vulnerable groups  • identify opportunities to invest in service development for the benefit of service users, should the re-procurement offer cost savings. For example, supporting investment in technology to increase connectivity with GP’s and Child Health Systems  • reducing health inequalities by improving services    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).  This procurement is taking the form of a two-stage process. The closing date 27th October 2022 is the submission date for Stage 1 Applications and thus the close date for expressing an interest in these services.  This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.  Stage 1 takes the form of a Provider Capability Assessment, including both a standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) and narrative questions to gauge Provider suitability.  Providers shortlisted at Stage 1 will be taken forward to Stage 2 of the process.  Areas of assessment at Stage 1 include experience, staffing and premises.  Stage 2 will either take the form of (a) a non-competitive Provider and Service Assurance Process (where only one capable Provider is identified at Stage 1); or (b) a competitive tendering process (where more than one capable Provider is identified at Stage 1), for each lot.  Full details can be found in the Provider Capability Assessment Instructions document within Atamis. |