

**Contracts Finder Ref:** CF-23578

**Contract Title:** Market Engagement - NHS Race & Health Observatory (RHO) Host Supplier (issued via CF-23576)

**Estimated total Value:** £756,000 (indicative)

**Short Description:**

NHS England is looking to award a future contract to a competent and capable supplier to host the NHS Race and Health Observatory (NHS RHO) and to support the delivery of an agreed programme of works.

Evidence has shown that people from the Gypsy or Irish traveller, Bangladeshi, Black African, Black Caribbean, and Pakistani communities have the poorest health experiences and outcome across a range of indicators.

**Description of Procurement:**

The appointed supplier will host the NHS Race and Health Observatory (NHS RHO) and support the delivery of an agreed programme of works that will bridge the gap in the stark race and ethnic health inequalities across the healthcare system.

The approved budget envelope for this contract award has been capped at up to £756K (ex VAT) and will cover hosting as listed in (a) below

In addition up to £6.8M ex Vat will be passported to the successful supplier to enable Programme Delivery as described in (b) below. Please note that this is not subject to the tender evaluation process as this is part of the accountable body's role.

(a) Hosting – the supplier will be expected to act in the capacity as an accountable body to cover employing staff, providing HR support, Organisational Development, IT/Telephony support, providing suitable office accommodation, managing finances, procurement, and contracts management, etc.

(b) Programme Delivery (including the costs of the NHS RHO Core Team).

(i) The programme of work is agreed between NHS England and the NHS RHO on annual basis, in line with NHS England's strategic objectives and priorities. This element of the award will have access to a budget (up to £6.8M ex Vat) to procure a range of 3rd party commissions, additional to the novation of existing 3rd party commissions.

(ii) The NHS RHO core team comprises of 12FTE posts that will be TUPED.

**Additional Information:**

NHS England will be hosting a market engagement webinar (via MS Teams) on the 16th May 2024 from 10am -11:30pm.

The aim of this session is to provide details on the scope of the Requirement, and the procurement approach. A Q&A session will be accommodated. Suppliers who are unable to attend the live event will have access to the presentation and FAQs when the tender is published.

Please register your attendance at this event via [Julian.Farley@nhs.net](mailto:Julian.Farley@nhs.net). Please register by 12noon on Wednesday 15th May – A formal invite will then be shared, with Agenda attached.

Your email title should reference - The NHS Race & Health Observatory Webinar.

Please confirm (a) Company Name (b) Name of Attendee/s and (c) Job/Post title.

Further information about the NHS Race and Health Observatory can be found at <https://www.nhsrho.org>

Please note that the programme is still at approval stages and therefore may not result in a tender opportunity.