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# **National Framework Agreement for the provision of Data Validation Services**

**Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **NUTS code**

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Health

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Data Validation Services

#### **Reference number**

F/075/VAL/21/IB

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Contracting Authority intends to set up a national framework agreement that will enable NHS Organisations to access highly specialised support to enable the testing and validation of patient data, as part of the process of migrating from a legacy PAS to a modern EPR system.

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

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

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

#### **NUTS codes**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

A number of NHS organisations are currently migrating, or are expected to migrate from a legacy Patient Administration System (PAS) to modern Electronic Patient Record (EPR) systems.

Many legacy PAS are not Referral to Treatment (RTT) compliant and, therefore, RTT Pathways and associated Events for migration have to be manually manufactured from existing referrals and outcomes.

There may also be significant data quality issues with legacy data that will impact on the management and integrity of that data prior to implementation of a new EPR system.

NHS organisations may lack in-house expertise and/or capacity to undertake the necessary data cleansing exercises and may require expert assistance in undertaking a data validation exercise prior to the Client's planned migration of its legacy PAS to a modern EPR system.

The objective of this framework is to provide NHS Organisations ("the Clients") with expert assistance in undertaking data validation exercises prior to and following a Client's planned migration of its PAS to a modern EPR system. This includes the validation of incomplete pathways, incomplete waiting lists and duplicated pathways as well as understanding the data quality issues that could facilitate the RTT migration to the EPR system and the Client's Covid-19 restoration and recovery work. This will enable the NHS Organisations to:

- provide assurance to the Board, CCGs and patients of the accuracy of the patient data held, and particularly how this is managed in relation to supporting RTT and other associated patient access standards,
- improve the quality of patient data held within the EPR and support the optimal use of the EPR from implementation.

The Supplier will ensure that effective knowledge transfer takes place and will help the Client to develop an in-house central validation and booking team to achieve business as usual booking and reporting post the EPR implementation.

### **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: £20,000,000

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

**Duration in months**

24

**This contract is subject to renewal**

Yes

**Description of renewals**

The framework agreement may be extended for up to a further 24 months.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

**Description of options**

The framework agreement may be extended for up to a further 24 months at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority.

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **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

## **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**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **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 projects or requests to participate**

##### **Date**

14 April 2021

##### **Local time**

2:00pm

**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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

**Date**

16 April 2021

**Local time**

9:00am

**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

**VI.3) Additional information**

Supplier instructions how to express interest and bid:

1) Browse to the esourcing portal <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk> and click on view current opportunities;

2) Select the title of the ITT;



- 3) Review the ITT, framework agreement specification, prerequisites and list of eligible users (you may do this without registering);
- 4) Register your organisation on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once);
- 5) Accept the portal terms and conditions and click 'continue', enter your organisation and user details; note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete; you will shortly receive an e-mail with your unique password (please keep this secure);
- 6) Login to the portal with the username/password;
- 7) Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are pre-qualification questionnaires or invitations to tender open to any registered supplier);
- 8) Click on the relevant PQQ/ITT to access the content;
- 9) 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;
- 10) Responding to the ITT. 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 on-screen instructions to complete the 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.

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

