**School aged immunisations for Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Dorset (including Bournemouth & Poole)**

**Pre-procurement market engagement**

**Description**

NHS England South requests Expressions of Interest from providers with the capacity and capability to provide a school aged immunisation service for children aged 4 - 19 registered, resident or schooled within Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole). Pre-procurement market engagement will take place in Southampton on 12th and/or 13th February 2019 (TBC), which will help to inform the commissioning strategy in terms of provider views on geographical delivery (Lots), payment arrangements and the contract term. Please see below for registration information.

The contract(s) is/are due to begin on 1st August 2020. For information purposes, total spend across the whole geography is anticipated to be in the region of £2.7million in 2019/20.

The aim of the national immunisation programmes is to protect the population from vaccine preventable illnesses and reduce associated morbidity and mortality.

The overall aim of the service is to achieve and sustain the highest possible level of coverage in respect of the immunisation programmes within scope across the area served, as well as at the level of individual schools and within the context of populations with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010.

The programmes currently in scope are:

* Gender neutral HPV vaccination programme
* MenACWY booster
* Td/IPV booster
* Seasonal influenza programme

The scope may be extended in future to include additional programmes as advised/recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations and/or at the request of the commissioner.

**Objectives of service**

The aim will be achieved by delivering safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

* a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake
* identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required to achieve maximum coverage
* a flexible, responsive, accessible and culturally sensitive service provided in all schools and additional community settings at a range of times as required to meet the needs of all eligible children/young people
* delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary
* safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money
* accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level
* a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and Public Health England in any campaigns or activities they undertake

There is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children’s services across the whole geography to maximise collaboration and opportunities for integrated service offer and delivery.

**Key information**

This process is being carried out by NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit (SCWCSU) on behalf of the Commissioner

To express an interest in this procurement, please register on the In-Tend portal and submit a completed Market Engagement Questionnaire by **12pm on Tuesday 5th February 2019**.

If you wish to take part in face to face market engagement, you will need to complete the relevant attendee information section in your questionnaire response. Further details, including timings, will be provided to those who register their attendees (maximum of three per potential bidding entity).

Interested providers will be able to view the opportunity via the 'current tenders' list on In-Tend: [https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/aspx/Home](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/aspx/Home%20)   
  
In order to return the questionnaire, you will need to 'express an interest' and register on the system and then upload the completed questionnaire to the placeholder provided.

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit NHS England or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. NHS England will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.  
  
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 instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Any 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 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.