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Planning

## Ivel Medical Centre

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Region code

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Ivel Medical Centre

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (BLMK ICB) (referred to as the Commissioner) wishes to seek expressions of interest from GMS and APMS contractors who already deliver primary medical care services in the BLMK area to undertake short-term caretaking services at Ivel Medical Centre in Biggleswade, Central Bedfordshire for a period of 18-24 months starting from 1 June 2023, with the subsequent intention of going out to the market for a full commercial procurement.

The caretaker contract will have an estimated value of between £2.75 million - £3.6 million.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

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

Ivel Medical Centre is a practice with a list size of 13,683 (13,025.43 weighted) as of September 2022. It is situated in the pleasant market town of Biggleswade in Central Bedfordshire. BLMK ICB is seeking expressions of interest to appoint a short-term caretaker provider for 18 months from 1 June 2023 – 31 October 2024 to stabilise the service before going out to full commercial procurement for a new longer-term Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contract.

Due to the timescales involved, the initial intention is to appoint a short-term caretaker provider on an APMS basis who is already familiar with the local systems, pathways and processes. The caretaker provider will need to use their knowledge of delivery of primary care medical services within BLMK to mobilise quickly and bring stability to the practice's staff and patients while building resilience and providing reassurance to the local community.

This will enable us to ensure a safe and sustainable GP service is delivered while we work with local system partners to develop, consider and implement longer term plans for meeting the ongoing general practice needs of patients. Following this period of stabilisation, we intend to go out to tender for a longer-term APMS contract.

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Bidders that are interested in this caretaking arrangement must complete the online questionnaire. This is available via the Atamis portal , <https://atamis-1928.lightning.force.com/lightning/page/home>, project reference: C127638 and submissions are requested to be submitted by Monday 30th January 2023 at 12 noon

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

19 January 2023

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No