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## **NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB Assisted Conception Services**

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

Kirkham House, John Comyn Drive, Perdiswell

Worcester

WR3 7NS

#### **Contact**

Julia Summers

#### **Email**

[julia.summers@nhs.net](mailto:julia.summers@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG12 - Worcestershire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.herefordshireandworcestershire.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**

NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB Assisted Conception Services

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Procurement Unit are issuing this Prior Information Notice on behalf of NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB who are seeking engagement with the market in relation to the provision of Assisted Conception services in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Main site or place of performance

Herefordshire and Worcestershire

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

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB are conducting this initial engagement

exercise to establish potential interest to deliver Assisted Conception Services in the area.

Potentially interested parties are invited to feedback their comments with regard to their interest, capacity, capability and readiness in delivering these services across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Assisted reproduction is when a person or couple get pregnant (conceive) with the assistance of medical intervention (treatment). Examples of assisted reproduction are:-

- In vitro fertilisation (IVF)
- IVF with intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)
- Intrauterine insemination (IUI)

The different treatments available can involve the use of donated eggs and sperm.

Full details of the service are set out in the Specification within Annex 2.

Commissioners wish to understand;

- 1) Organisation name
- 2) Organisation contact details
- 3) Are you currently providing Assisted Conception Services? If you are a private provider, are you providing services under an NHS Contract with an NHS Commissioner or NHS Trust?  
If so, please state which Commissioner / Trust your contract is with and provide contract start and end dates?
- 4) Are you interested in providing Assisted Conception Services in Worcestershire under a contract with NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)? (yes/no)
- 5) Are you interested in providing Assisted Conception Services in Herefordshire under a contract with NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)? (yes/no)
- 6) What type of services do you currently deliver, and in which areas?
- 7) Are you currently located within a 30 mile radius to either Herefordshire or Worcestershire or both?
- 8) Please confirm whether you will work within the local tariff price; attached as Annex 4. (yes/no)

Providers are requested to answer these questions within the Atamis requirements section when registering interest

(via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> ref C244262) by 17:00 hours on Friday 8th March 2024.

Interested providers who demonstrate capacity, capability and readiness may receive the follow up Selection Questionnaire in full and the questions relating to the key criteria as described in PSR Regulation Part 1 no5.

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB is not bound to follow any particular PSR process at this stage.

Responding to this EOI will not guarantee providers further involvement in any PSR process the ICB decides to follow. The ICB welcomes feedback on the proposed specification for this service, but is not obliged to rely on provider information given in response to this request for expressions of interest.

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

At this stage this is an early engagement exercise designed to help inform the Commissioner of provider interest and capacity, and determine the relevant PSR process. This engagement exercise will be operated via electronic means using the internet. Details will be made available via documentation and information released on the Atamis portal.

To express interest, please register via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Atamis Project Reference: C244262

Should providers have any queries, or having problems using the portal, they should contact the Helpdesk at:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

The following Annex's can be found within the Atamis project C244262;

- Annex 1 - Questions
- Annex 2 - Service Specification
- Annex 3 - Tariff prices
- Annex 4 - Activity

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

1 July 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This notice is issued subject to Provider Selection Regime regulations.

Please note that any subsequent contract emanating from this notice will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.