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## **APMS Caretaking Services for Ivel Medical Centre, Biggleswade**

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

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

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

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

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Luton

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#### **Contact**

Neelam Saroe

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH21 - Luton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

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**

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**

APMS Caretaking Services for Ivel Medical Centre, Biggleswade

Reference number

AG22512

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

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

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

Services

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

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (BLMK ICB) (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers who currently hold an GMS or an APMS contract/s to deliver GP services in the BLMK area, to express an interest in delivering caretaking services for Ivel Medical Centre in Biggleswade, Central Bedfordshire.

The service is expected to start 1st June 2023 for a period of 18 months with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 6 months (maximum total contract duration 24 months).

Based on the current contract it is anticipated that the service provision resultant of this procurement will have an annual baseline contract value (excluding directed enhanced services, QoF, PCN and other income streams) of £1,250,000 (+ APMS premium as stated in bidders' financial model) at the 2022-23 price.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Ivel Medical Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Biggleswade SG18 0RA

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

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (BLMK ICB) (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers who currently hold either a GMS or an APMS contract/s to deliver GP services in the BLMK area, to express an interest in delivering caretaking services for Ivel Medical Centre in Biggleswade, Central Bedfordshire, by responding to this opportunity as required and described in this document, and within the published tender.

Ivel Medical Centre is situated in the pleasant market town of Biggleswade in Central Bedfordshire. Following the Covid pandemic, the practice has experienced challenges relating to access, patient demand and expectation which has led to some negative publicity in the local area about the practice and in part has impacted on recruitment and retention, particularly of GPs. The main issues have related to concerns about access, patients not being able to book appointments in person at the practice, the telephone system, and staff turnover. No concerns have been raised about the quality of patient clinical care.

The caretaker provider will need to demonstrate how they will ensure adequate clinical staffing is in place to meet the needs of the practice population and have a clear plan for how they will address the individual operational concerns, listed above, as well as positively promote the practice in the local area. Bidders will be required to demonstrate how they will deal with and overcome the issues in their responses to the technical questions published with this tender pack.

Given the issues listed above and the urgent need to stabilise the services provided at Ivel Medical Centre, the ICB has decided the most appropriate way to achieve this aim is to offer the caretaking services only to current GMS or APMS providers who are already delivering primary medical care services in the BLMK area as they will already be familiar with the local

systems, pathways, processes, and have established links with local system stakeholders.

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 the ICB to ensure a safe and sustainable GP service is delivered while they work with local system partners to develop, consider and implement longer term plans for meeting the ongoing general practice needs of patients.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

1 June 2023

End date

31 May 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

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

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## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

10 March 2023

Local time

10:00am

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

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

Date

10 March 2023

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this procurement exercise. Further information and the ITT documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering system at the following link:

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects>

You can also register your interest via this page.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C141137: APMS Caretaking Services for Ivel Medical Centre, Biggleswade.

Neither the publication of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations.

Please see published procurement documentation for further details.

Please note, the deadline for ITT submissions is 10:00am on 10th March 2023.

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom



Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>