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Tender

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

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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

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

level

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

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.1.8) 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

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

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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

