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Planning

Catering Managed Services

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Description

Overview

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSE) currently delivers catering services across three hospital sites: Basildon, Broomfield, and Southend. These services encompass both patient meal provision and retail restaurant catering outlets, delivered through a combination of in-house operations and contracted arrangements.

Strategic Objective

The Trust is embarking on a transformation of its catering provision to establish a future-proof, compliant, and sustainable service model. This initiative is driven by the following key factors:

1. Compliance and Standards: Alignment with NHS food safety, nutrition, and sustainability requirements.
2. Enhanced Patient Experience: Meeting rising expectations for choice, quality, and overall patient satisfaction.

3. Commercial and Operational Efficiency: Leveraging opportunities to improve financial performance and operational effectiveness within retail catering.

4. Regulatory Compliance: Adhering to Cabinet Office requirements for business case approval and ensuring full compliance under the Procurement Act 2023.

Please Note: This notice is for market testing purposes only and does not represent a decision to outsource catering services or a commitment to any future procurement.

Total value (estimated)

- £102,968,873 excluding VAT
- £123,562,647.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2027 to 31 August 2032
- Possible extension to 31 August 2034
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

5+1+1

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

5 year initial term with x2 one year optional extension

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

up to 3 awards (one for each lot)

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Broomfield Hospital Retail and Patient Catering Services

Description

Delivery of patient and retail catering services at Broomfield Hospital

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2 - Basildon Hospital Retail and Patient Catering Services

Description

Delivery of Retail and Patient Catering Services at Basildon Hospital

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Lot 3 - Southend Hospital Retail and Patient Catering Services

Description

Delivery of patient and retail catering services at Southend Hospital

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 March 2026

Enquiry deadline

23 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

30 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please visit Salesforce (NHS Atamis) portal:

Suppliers registration link is as follows:

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 November 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Stage 1 - Participation Period (Supplier Shortlisting)

Interested suppliers will be invited to submit responses during the participation period. These responses will be assessed against the published selection criteria to create a shortlist of qualified suppliers.

Stage 2 - Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Shortlisted suppliers will receive the Invitation to Tender, including the detailed output specification. Following submission of tender responses, bids will be evaluated in accordance with the published award criteria. The highest-scoring suppliers (top X) will progress to the next stage, which includes presentations and product tastings.

Stage 3 - Final Stage (Negotiation and Dialogue)

Suppliers advancing to the final stage will engage in structured negotiation and dialogue sessions. This stage aims to refine proposals, clarify requirements, and ensure best value outcomes prior to contract award.

Contracting authority

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBVJ-9475-ZCMD

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