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Planning

Adult and Paediatric Enteral Feeds and Associated Equipment/Consumables, including a Home Enteral Feeding Service

Regional Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

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Scope

Reference

5858243

Description

Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland (HSCNI) has identified scope for improvement to the current arrangements for ordering and supply of adult and paediatric enteral feeds and the equipment required for their administration. An executive summary of the Thematic Review of Ordering and Supply Arrangements for Home Enteral Tube Feeds and Equipment has been provided for background information. This document will help provide context to the considerations HSCNI has to make in order to progress this service change/redesign (Nb. target implementation/go-live date for proposed redesigned service is early-mid 2027). It is important to note that current figures indicate approx. 745 home adult and 625 home paediatric patients regionally require to avail of a home enteral feeding service, in addition to a current maximum of 420 adult in-patients and 65

paediatric in-patients regionally requiring to be enterally fed on a daily basis, although it should be acknowledged that there is a growing trend in terms of patient numbers. Trust-by-Trust breakdown of current patient numbers is presented in the Supplier Brief accessible via PME CfT reference 6375145. It is envisaged that the HSCNI region will be split in two geographically (likely a three-Trust / two-Trust split, but still TBA), with a different supplier awarded the business in each of the sub-regions and required to meet the needs of both home and in-patient, and adult and paediatric patients managed by the HSCNI Trusts making up the assigned sub-region.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 28 February 2030
- Possible extension to 29 February 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33692300 - Enteral feeds
- 85312200 - Homedelivery of provisions
- 15882000 - Dietetic products
- 15880000 - Special nutritional products
- 42122411 - Nutritional pumps
- 33141624 - Administration sets

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 February 2026

Engagement process description

Interested economic operators are first requested to provide a written response to the questions as listed in the 'Specific Goods or Services' tab of the PME Questionnaire accessible via CfT reference [6375145]. As a second stage of this PME opportunity, economic operators who express an interest in engaging face-to-face will be invited to attend a virtual individual supplier engagement session. Economic operators interested in attending a virtual individual supplier engagement session should email steven.cinnamond@hscni.net by 3pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026 with the words 'PME Expression of Interest' appearing in the subject line of the email. Economic operators, whose participation in this second stage of PME is requested and subsequently

confirmed by BSO PaLS, are asked to prepare a 45-minute (max.) presentation which touches upon, as a minimum, the written responses to the questions as included in the 'Specific Goods or Services' tab of the PME Questionnaire accessible via CfT reference [6375145], in addition to addressing any other areas deemed relevant to the potential scope and specification of the contract to be awarded (Nb. following the 45-minute (max.) presentation time, there will be a 15-minute (max.) window during which Tender Assessment Panel (TAP) representatives in attendance may ask for further clarification or responses to questions/queries which arise during the course of the presentation).

Previous Prior Information Notice (PIN) reference applicable to this exercise: 2023/S 000-036931

Economic operators should note that any interest expressed in participating in this PME opportunity does not constitute a commitment to participate in any future tendering exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 June 2026

Contracting authority

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