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Planning

## **Expressions of Interest in Hosting an Adult Critical Care (ACC) Transfer Service**

NHS England & NHS Improvement

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice without call for competition

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

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

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**National registration number**

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Main address

<https://www.ardengemcsu.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/68205>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/29192>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Expressions of Interest in Hosting an Adult Critical Care (ACC) Transfer Service

Reference number

AGCSU/AdultAmbulEoE/2021

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

- 85143000 - Ambulance services

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

Services

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

In response to COVID19, intensive critical care teams have worked collaboratively to deliver local, regional and national mutual aid and support, which enabled delivery of safe critical care services across the country. This model was seen as one of the success stories of collegiate ways of working during the pandemic.

Part of this success was the setting up of an interim ACC transfer service to aid load levelling. Even though cases are reducing it is recognised, both nationally and regionally, that there is a lasting need to have a dedicated critical care transfer service to ensure patient safety and efficient running of critical care units. In response to this a national service specification has been drafted.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

East of England

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

In the East of England we are now exploring how to establish this service in a phased approach from 1 December 2021. The model of the service will be a stand-alone service with its own decision making/governance and branding, hosted by an NHS organisation. More information on the hosting is at Appendix One, located at <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=AGCSU&target=&timeout=>

The staffing levels have been nationally set with some local adjustments. It is envisaged that the staffing will be a combination of directly employed staff and resources gained through honorary contracts. There will be a hosting fee available which should represent best value, this has yet to be decided but is likely to be a flat fee rather than a percentage of the value.

We are now canvassing for initial expressions of interest to provide the hosting of this service. We are hoping that we will be able to agree a single host through collaborative discussions, rather than a competitive process due to the pressing timescales.

we should therefore be grateful if you would email me direct on [judebowler@nhs.net](mailto:judebowler@nhs.net) by 5.00pm on Friday 30 April 2021, if your Trust is interesting in hosting this vital service – at this stage this is just an initial expression and so we do not require any further information and you may withdraw your interest at any time.

It is the intention to then arrange a call with the interested Trusts, with the Clinical Lead(s) - Dr Anne Booth ([anne.booth2@nhs.net](mailto:anne.booth2@nhs.net)) and/or Dr Alistair Steel ([alistair.steel@nhs.net](mailto:alistair.steel@nhs.net)) and commissioning colleagues by 7 May 2021. The next stage is to potentially follow up with a virtual meeting with all interested Trusts in the following week. Dates and times will be confirmed nearer the time.

If you have any queries on the service, then please do contact the clinical leads, or if you have a query around the contracting, funding arrangements or other areas, then please contact Jude Bowler ([judebowler@nhs.net](mailto:judebowler@nhs.net)). We should be grateful if you would confirm receipt of this letter.

Just to alert Providers, that a Prior Information Notice (PIN) will also be published to the market through Contracts Finder and Find a Tender Service – links are provided below.

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

<https://www.tendersdirect.co.uk/>

Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

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

Appendix One is located at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=AGCSU&target=&timeout=>

Providers will be required to create an account to access the document.

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

19 July 2021