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## **Provision of Bespoke Inpatient Adult Eating Disorder (AED) service for Northants/Leicestershire**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.leicspart.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

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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**

Provision of Bespoke Inpatient Adult Eating Disorder (AED) service for Northants/Leicestershire

Reference number

C245956

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

- 85111500 - Psychiatric hospital services

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

Services

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

To deliver a bespoke inpatient eating disorder service to a young adult outside of the usual contractual and financial framework for adult eating disorder inpatient services.

The person's complexity of presentation and current acuity levels on the units. require us to procure a bespoke option that can meet the person's treatment needs within a time-limited inpatient admission.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To deliver a bespoke inpatient eating disorder service to a young adult outside of the usual contractual and financial framework for adult eating disorder inpatient services.

Due to the person's complexity of presentation and current acuity levels, we are looking to procure a bespoke option that can meet the person's treatment needs within a time-limited inpatient admission.

Below is a summary of the care that will be required:

- 24-hour care in an inpatient eating disorder environment under a section of the mental health act.
- A multi-disciplinary team that can meet the person's medical, psychological and social needs.
- Nasal Gastronomy (NG) feeding under restraint
- Ability to manage high levels of distress including self-harm, verbal abuse and assaultive behaviour.
- A long-term segregation (LTS) environment initially with the ability to transfer out of LTS as soon as is reasonably possible.
- Clear focus on least restrictive practice.
- Ability to make reasonable adjustments for a working diagnosis of autism
- Advocacy.
- Carer support.

### Required Service / Aims of Admission

One of the main aims of the admission would be to increase Body Mass Index (BMI) or restore weight, reduce the current restrictions (including LTS), develop a life plan (to support discharge planning) and prepare for discharge. It will involve a commitment to meet

with the external stakeholders regularly and be actively involved in any legal framework planning that will be needed for discharge e.g. Condition Of Participation (COP) or Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLs).

There should be regular reviews to assess the relative risks versus benefits (both physical and psychological) of the treatment plan, particularly given the likely high level of restraint and the need for LTS. This balance may shift as the BMI increases.

The overarching aim should be that treatment should be in the person's best interests.

The service will need to be able to deliver the required expertise in the treatment of eating disorders (in accordance with the specification for AED inpatient services) whilst also making the necessary adjustments in relation to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This will include access to Multi-Disciplinary Team interventions and close monitoring of mental

and physical state by the medical and nursing team.

The environment should be no more restrictive than is necessary.

#### Proposed care plan

1. Adequate nutritional input under specialist dietetic guidance with clear target BMI goal and rate of weight increase
2. Psychological support to ensure adherence to nutrition plan
3. CBT-E informed care from MDT for continuous messaging re. need to address nutritional deficit, understanding food/fatness fears as illness to support motivation for change and recovery.
4. Provision of NG feeding at least daily, if unable to adhere to oral intake
5. Physical monitoring, weekly blood tests and weight, pulse, BP daily.
6. Medical support to manage physical complaints, complications eg. refeed syndrome
7. Administration of medication.
8. ASD adjustment, includes clarity, precise communication style, consistency, limited decision making, addressing sensory needs, PEACE Pathway strategies
9. Occupational Therapist to structure daily activities, social interests, examine educational input
10. Management of acutely disturbed state associated with feeding and violence towards staff, with need for Restraint. This has required bespoke team of at least 5 to 1.
11. Use of Safety Pod (under review with mx, but standard use on EDUs)
12. Segregation: initial plan for short term management away from other patients because of past risk and assault. This will need to be reviewed regularly.
13. Provision for one-to-one time to facilitate working towards emotional literacy work and then formal psychology. CBT-E informed therapeutic work. Autism self-awareness/understanding/acceptance
14. Support to re-socialise with peers, family and friends.
15. Support to navigate the transition from child-teen-youth to adult including physical development,
16. Family therapy
17. Support sessions for staff involved.
18. Active discharge planning.

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

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

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

Duration in months

12

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

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

This ITT is issued subsequent to Prior Information Notice reference: 2023/S 000-036040.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-036040](#)

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

Date

29 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

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

Date

15 April 2024

Local time

2:00pm

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

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

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

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