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Planning

Crisis Beds

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Crisis Beds

Reference number

BCH23-011

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCH) are looking to procure crisis care provision for individuals experiencing mental health crisis as part of improving their crisis pathways and preventing admission into hospital. BCH are looking to commission between 4 and 6 crisis beds in total, which are required to be located in the Black Country areas of Sandwell and Dudley.

This PIN invites interested organisations to attend a market engagement event with the aim of testing the viability of delivering the proposed service model and to allow providers to share their views on the specification. This PIN will also allow BCH to understand the market for this service in this area to help inform a potential future procurement process.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £530,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG36 - Dudley
- UKG37 - Sandwell

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Regionally and nationally, increasing pressure is being placed on adult acute mental health wards. The increasing number of male and female hospital admissions to local services requires commissioning solutions in order to provide alternatives to admission. Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Teams (CRHTT) are tasked with providing crisis support and delivering intensive home treatment to support and where applicable treat, service users to remain in the community and avoid hospital admissions.

Often a gap still exists between the CRHTT support and acute admission. Some service users will require 24 hour support, ensuring a person's safety but, not necessarily require health staff to provide this care. This support may be required intensively but over a short period in a service which is less institutional than a hospital setting.

Crisis houses are an approach to care that provides respite or sanctuary outside of hospital. They have been developed alongside CRHT and hospital based care. They have strong support from service user groups. A community-based crisis services will offer residential support and include:

- Services located within community settings. They provide residential services with staff onsite 24/7, and have a highly competent support staff involved in providing care. Night cover will have a minimum of 2 workers with at least 1 a waking night cover.
- These services provide a small number of beds aimed at short stays and are fully integrated with CRHT teams.

These models support individuals when they are reaching crisis and in most cases prevent admission into an inpatient setting. They can also prevent breakdown of existing placements/homes by allowing a short admission to assess and reformulate care and support plans to enable them to move back into their existing homes.

Engagement event

BCH have developed a draft specification and would like to invite organisations potentially capable of providing crisis beds to attend a market engagement event. This will allow

testing of the viability of delivering the proposed service model and to allow providers to share their views on the specification.

The market testing event will be held on Monday 26th June 2023 10.30 – 12 noon via MS Teams. A calendar invite will be issued to interested parties along with the draft specification, and an agenda will be issued closer to the event.

If you are unable to attend but would like the opportunity to speak to us about the content of the specification, please do still contact us.

Timescales

Please register your attendance for the market testing event through the Bravo portal (<https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk/web/login.html>) by the deadline of 5pm Thursday 22nd June 2023.

Organisations already registered on the system need not re-register.

A subsequent procurement process may take place in August 2023 with the expectation that services are mobilised and ready to start delivery in November 2023. If a competitive procurement is to take place BCH will issue a separate contract notice. These dates are approximate based on current knowledge and may be subject to change.

Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken by interest organisation prior to any subsequent procurement is a matter solely for their own commercial judgement. BCH reserve the right to withdraw from the process at any time or to not tender the service or to tender on a different basis. In such circumstances, and in any event, BCH shall not be liable for any costs or loss of expenses whatsoever incurred by any organisation, agent or subsidiary that may have contributed to any proposals submitted to this notice.

Inability to attend this market engagement event will not impact any organisation's ability to tender for this opportunity in the future.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 July 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No