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Tender

Community Based Admission Avoidance Service (Learning Disabilities and Autism)

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board

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Scope

Reference

C408854

Description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU on behalf of NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB are seeking providers who have the relevant experience and skills to provide a Community Based Admission Avoidance Service.

Aims and objectives of service

Aims:

- To reduce the number of inappropriate hospital admissions for people with a learning disability or autistic people who are in mental health crisis and may have complex needs, by providing intervention and crisis management.
- To prevent crisis situations from escalating by providing timely and appropriate

interventions.

- To provide a safe and supportive environment for people with a learning disability or autism at risk of inappropriate admission to a specialist learning disability, mental health or acute hospital setting.
- To promote independence and improve quality of life by supporting individuals to manage their mental health and develop coping strategies.
- To provide short term support enabling a return to home for those referred to the service from inpatient settings including acute settings.

Objectives:

- To provide a short term, 24/7-person centred community service for people with a learning disability or autistic people who are at risk of inappropriate admission to a specialist learning disability or mental health hospital.
- To provide a holistic model of care within the community.
- To support individuals who are at the point of crisis through implementing a personalised, flexible and rapid service designed to meet the needs of all referred individuals. This includes robust personalised planning and communication embedded into the referral and placement process.
- To support individuals to maintain positive relationships with family and friends and other support networks, engaging with these networks and other professionals to enable collaborative working to support the individual.
- To work collaboratively with other health and social care professionals to provide coordinated and person-centred care, including working jointly with existing or subsequent care providers to ensure continuity of support and effective discharge.
- To provide person-centred support with time limited episodes of planned individualised care, which should inform the focus of approach based on each service user's needs. For example - dedicated staff teams will work with specific service users during their access to the service, to promote consistency in approach, enhanced knowledge of the service user and from this meaningful, purposeful and appropriately risk managed interventions and onward movement.
- Where possible, the service will work with commissioners to pro-actively identify individuals who may benefit from earlier intervention and provide support to prevent crisis.

Procurement Reference

Total value (estimated)

- £1,292,508 excluding VAT
- £1,551,009.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- Possible extension to 30 June 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

An extension of up to one year may be granted at the sole discretion of the commissioning organisations. The extension may be granted on one or both lots.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

Contract locations

- UKG33 - Coventry
- UKG13 - Warwickshire

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 March 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

17 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Interested organisations are invited to access and complete the relevant tender documentation by visiting <https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome> and searching for the Community Based Admission Avoidance Service (Learning Disabilities and Autism) - Coventry and Warwickshire ref: C418243. Tenders must be submitted by 17th March 2026 at noon 1200hrs. Clarification questions must be submitted by 1700hrs on 5th March 2026.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
Technical	Quality
Commercial	Price

Weighting description

Quality - 80.00%

Price - 20.00%

Full details of sub-criteria can be found in the tender documentation.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBZT-7637-QJTP

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

Summary of their role in this procurement: NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board and is supporting the procurement process.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVR-6647-BVMM

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Contact NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board for any enquiries.