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## **National Flexible Framework for the provision of On-Site Surgical and Medical Capacity Solutions 1st re-opening Jun 22**

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

National Flexible Framework for the provision of On-Site Surgical and Medical Capacity Solutions 1st re-opening Jun 22

Reference number

F/044/OSMCS/21/IB

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

- 85111000 - Hospital services

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

Services

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

The NHS is facing a period of intense pressure to reduce waiting lists. Trusts are looking towards innovative solutions to help reduce their referral to treatment times and increase efficiency through better utilisation of their existing facilities.

NHS Trusts may find it difficult to meet referral to treatment (RTT) targets due to lack of capacity. Locum staff can fill gaps but Trusts still need to manage the patient pathway which may not be possible outside normal hours (e.g. evenings & weekends). On-site Surgical and Medical Capacity Solutions (sometime known as “Insourcing”) will act in a complementary way to partially or totally manage the Pathway for referred Patients.

This Framework Agreement will facilitate maximisation of in-house capacity to a level that the Participating Authorities can reduce the need for additional mobile facilities and outsourcing. At the same time, in-patient and out-patient waiting times will be reduced, referrals will be expedited, service quality will be improved and patient satisfaction will be positively impacted.

The Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust’s Commercial Procurement Service is re-opening its existing flexible commercial Framework Agreement which allows UK public bodies to procure on-site surgical and medical capacity solutions. This will enable Participating Authorities to act quickly in realising efficiencies. The services in scope of this

procurement process are healthcare services which fall under 'social and other specific services' in Section 7 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('PCR') (as amended). In accordance with Regulation 76 PCR, the process is to set up a framework agreement and will follow a procedure similar to the open procedure. However, the Framework Manager and the contracting authorities using the framework are only bound by the parts of the PCR that specifically apply to social and other specific services.

For the avoidance of doubt, the rules that apply to the open procedure under Regulation 27 and framework agreements under Regulation 33 do not apply to this procurement. All providers that meet the minimum requirements set out under the procurement process will be appointed to the framework agreement. There will be no maximum number of providers appointed.

As previously advertised in Contract Notice 2021/S 000-014621 the Framework will be reopened to new applicants annually, approximately 90 days before the anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date. Previously appointed Suppliers will NOT be obliged to reapply on an annual basis. Framework Suppliers appointed on the first anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date will be awarded a Framework Agreement of up to 3 years duration; Framework Suppliers appointed on the second anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date will be awarded a Framework Agreement of up to 2 years duration and Framework Suppliers appointed on the third anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date will be awarded a Framework Agreement of up to 1 year duration.

The ITT process will be as described in the ITT documents available via NHS Sourcing. New appointments to the Framework will commence on each anniversary of the Framework Commencement Date.

This notice concerns the first re-opening of the Framework to new applicants.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-017198](#)

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## **Section VII. Changes**

### **VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice**

Section number

#### IV.2.2

Instead of

Date

25 July 2022

Local time

2:00pm

Read

Date

1 August 2022

Local time

2:00pm

Section number

#### IV.2.7

Instead of

Date

27 July 2022

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Date

3 August 2022

Local time

2:00pm

