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NHS Norfolk and Waveney Discharge to Assess 2: Reablement and Recovery Pathway in appropriate Care Home Settings

NHS Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.improvinglivesnw.org.uk/about-us/our-nhs-integrated-care-board-icb/icb-contact/>

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

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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

NHS Norfolk and Waveney Discharge to Assess 2: Reablement and Recovery Pathway in appropriate Care Home Settings

Reference number

NW2024-66

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB seek expressions of interest for the provision of a Discharge to Assess: Reablement and Recovery Pathway in Care Homes within Central Norfolk.

NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB seeks to commission 28 beds in suitable Care Homes, across two, three or four Providers, to deliver a Reablement and Recovery pathway. This will form part of our Central Norfolk intermediate care bed model and be supported by Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust (NCHC).

This pathway is for individuals registered to a Central Norfolk GP (ie; North Norfolk, South Norfolk and Norwich practices), who are 65 years and over with moderate cognitive decline and who are identified to require a short period of reablement and recovery in an appropriate bedded setting to enable discharge home/usual place of residence (UPOR) or suitable long term placement, following an Acute Hospital admission.

The pathway will include an in-reaching multi-disciplinary team (MDT) comprising; Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Care and Primary Care with operational delivery through NCHC. An expected date of discharge will be agreed on admission, supported by a patient centred reablement plan together with weekly MDT meetings to enable recovery and progression of discharge plans.

The Contract will be for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to an additional

1 year.

The service is priced at £1,200 per bed per week.

Prerequisites

Care Homes included in any bids must be within a 5 mile radius of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

Care Homes included in any bids are required to have a minimum of six beds available (on the ground floor) from 1st November 2024.

Care Homes included in any bids must be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) for the delivery of Dementia care.

To register your interest please visit <https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome> and search via Project Reference: C299308

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,179,387

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85144000 - Residential health facilities services
- 85144100 - Residential nursing care services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Main site or place of performance

Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The broad outcomes required of the Central Norfolk Reablement and Recovery service are specified below:

- Provide a time limited (up to 6 weeks) period of bedded reablement and recovery,

outside of a hospital environment, to promote independence and enable discharge home/ usual place of residence (UPOR) or to a least restrictive suitable bedded environment

- Reduce length of stay in Acute Hospitals
- Reduce potential for deconditioning
- Provide personalised care for all individuals accessing the service including delivery of a person centred reablement and discharge plan
- Delivery of reablement and care plan interventions for individuals on the pathway; agreed with the individual, their families, carers and the care home team
- Improve quality of life for individuals and their families/carers.
- Contribute to the reduction of avoidable re-admissions to hospital
- Improve professional relationships between care home staff, GP practices and MDT members
- Contribute to reduction in the number of pressure ulcers
- Contribute to reduction in the number of falls
- Streamline communication to enable patients to get appropriate non-urgent intervention
- Promote continuity of care by improving communication and handover to enable seamless transition from the pathway to relevant long-term care Providers

Project Deliverables

To deliver a Reablement and Recovery pathway within the designated N&W ICB commissioned care home beds, with a clear expectation that residents will remain on the pathway for up to 6 weeks and that the individual shall either return back to their own home/UPOR, with support if needed, or transfer into a suitable longer-term placement.

To support delivery of the pathway, Care Home Providers will be expected to provide a timely response and access to the commissioned beds for eligible individuals, proactively work with the individual and the in-reaching multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to enable progression of discharge plans and timely exit from the pathway.

The Central Norfolk HomeFirst Hubs will be responsible for sharing Transfer of Care (TOC) referrals with Care Home Providers for consideration. Care Home Provider requirements:

- During operational hours (Mon-Friday 08.00-18.00), Care Home Providers will respond within 2 hours of TOC receipt to identify whether or not the individual is provisionally accepted and/or outlining any additional information that may be required to make a decision.
- The Care Home's Registered Manager or nominated deputy may need to attend the Acute Hospital to assess the person face to face to ensure they can safely meet their needs. Where this is required the assessment and decision should be made within 48 hours of receiving the TOC Monday to Thursday and within 72 hours for TOCs received on a Friday.
- NB: Please note the intention to develop a Trusted Assessor role working with Care

Home Providers and on their behalf to support timely decisions and transfer to the pathway in future, with the aim to transfer suitable individuals to the pathway within 48 hours of TOC referral. This also allows the opportunity to enable transfers 7 days a week. It is anticipated that this role will be part of the Central Norfolk HomeFirst Hub and operate 7 days a week to enable safe and effective transfers 7 days a week. The role will be developed with Care Home Providers, informed by the CQC Guidance on Trusted Assessors and Local Government Authority (LGA) Guidance on Trusted Assessors.

- Care Home Providers will receive a handover from the Acute Hospital ward or Hospital Discharge Team on the day of transfer. Wherever possible transport booking times will be shared to enable an estimated arrival time.
- Care Home Providers will temporarily register the person with an agreed Primary Care practice, within 24 hours of admission or as soon as possible for out of hours admissions.
- Care Home Providers will ensure the designated rooms are available for admitting individuals 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, during the contract period, with an intention to move to 7 day admissions including bank holidays, once the pathway is fully established and Providers are assured regarding quality of discharge information and transfers. Admission times will be dependent on the needs and safety of each individual with aim to transfer between 08.00-18.00.
- Care Home Providers will, when beds are available (Monday to Friday 08.00-18.00), admit individuals within 24 hours of an accepted TOC referral, unless otherwise jointly agreed with NCHC, the Central Norfolk HomeFirst Hub and Acute Hospital team arranging the discharge.
- Care Home Providers are required to build good working relationships with their aligned GP practice for the pathway and the in-reaching MDT.
- Care Home Providers will work with MDT members to support achievement of the outcomes specified within the individual's care and reablement plan.
- Care Home Providers will liaise effectively, sharing their professional insight, during weekly MDT meetings to inform planning, and be proactive in supporting the individual to return home/UPOR or new bedded care environment in a coordinated, safe, effective and timely manner.
- Care Home Providers will be expected to always have suitable staffing levels available to safely meet the needs of individuals on the pathway, which will include double assist care. People who are eligible for care will have varying levels of dependency and are likely to have both physical and cognitive/mental health needs.
- Care Home Providers will be able to provide temporary 1:1 support, if required, to safely manage short term escalations of behaviour e.g., linked to health changes or transition to a new environment. Where teams at the referring hospital, working proactively with Providers and the HomeFirst Hub team, identify if 1:1 support is anticipated in the short term to aid smooth transition to the pathway, it is at the Registered Manager's discretion whether the person's needs can be safely met and accepted onto the pathway. (NB. Patients requiring a high level of additional supervision are not suitable for this pathway).

- Care Home Providers must seek approval for funding when organising short term 1:1 support to manage short term escalation of behaviours while on the pathway. This should be in exceptional circumstances and detailed record keeping will be required
- Care Home Providers will ensure designated rooms are suitable to deliver the Reablement and Recovery pathway:
 - o Room size: All designated rooms must be of an appropriate size to accommodate full hoisting and or any relevant manual handling equipment, enable residents to navigate safely with walking aids including frames plus or minus assistance, and be large enough to enable double up care to be provided if needed.
 - o Room Location: needs to be downstairs or the Provider must have safety mechanisms in place to reduce risk of falls/injury in relation to stairs and access.
- The Provider must have access to a range of suitable equipment to support the needs of individuals on the pathway.

Aims and objectives of service

The aims of this service are to:

- Provide a responsive service, in order to support safe and timely hospital discharge for adults with moderate cognitive decline, who have identified short term reablement and recovery care and support needs.
- Provide quality care and support to all individuals on the pathway, through a person-centred approach.
- Ensure individuals have a comprehensive assessment and structured person-centred care and reablement plan that involves active therapy or opportunity for recovery that is sustainable once the patient has returned home/UPOR.
- Deliver short term intervention to enable users to optimise their independence and enable discharge home/UPOR, adopting a HomeFirst approach
- Ensure continuity of care on transition into and from the pathway
- Provide effective care coordination and care navigation
- Reduce length of stay (LOS) in Acute Hospitals
- Reduce risk of deconditioning
- Prevent avoidable hospital admissions

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: £6,179,387

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

This contract is for a period of 2 years and 5 months with the option to extend for up to an additional 1 year.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

10 September 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 30 September 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 September 2024

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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