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## **Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB**

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB

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

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

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB

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LU1 2LJ

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

na

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://uk.eu-supply.com>

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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**

Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB

Reference number

59803

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (ICB) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express interest in delivering Fertility Services, by responding to this opportunity as required and described in the published tender documentation. NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of the Commissioner and is supporting the procurement process.

Please note, this process replaces the previous procurement '58660 - Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB'.

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The service is a Schedule 3 Service and is being procured under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The purpose of the procurement is to set up a multi-provider Framework Agreement. The commissioner reserves the right to open future windows at their discretion if further capacity or choice is required.

The purpose of the Specialist Fertility Services is to provide a range of appropriate assisted conception services for couples who meet the eligibility criteria. The service aims to treat subfertility. The objective of treatment for subfertility is to achieve a successful pregnancy quickly and safely with the least intervention required and the delivery of a healthy child.

As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful Bidder(s) for a period of 3 years with the Commissioner having the option to extend the contract for up to a further 2 years. The current contract(s) for the Services will end on 31st March 2023 and as a result the successful provider is expected to be fully operational, providing services from 01st April 2023.

Based on the current contracts it is anticipated that the service provision resultant of this procurement will have an annual expenditure of £1,200,000.00 per annum. However, all providers awarded to the framework agreement will have zero value contracts; no activity or spend is guaranteed as activity is driven by patient choice.

Full details of the service can be found and are included as part of the documentation within the project on EU-Supply. To access the documentation please visit EU-Supply on the link below and access project 59803 - Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK>

#### **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: £6,000,000

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

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 March 2028

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

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#### **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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

All professional and/or trade registrations is specified within the tender documentation.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Financial standing requirements for the Procurement are outlined within Document 1 - ITT Process Overview, Section 27.4 Financial Standing

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Financial standing requirements for the Procurement are outlined within Document 1 - ITT Process Overview, Section 27.4 Financial Standing

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

All technical capacity and its evaluation criteria are specified within the tender documentation.

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 20

#### **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

7 November 2022

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

7 November 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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## **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**

NHS Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

Cardinal Square, 10 Nottingham Road

Derby

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

Cardinal Square, 10 Nottingham Road

Derby

DE1 3QT

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

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