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## **Dermatology Services for Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board**

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**National registration number**

na

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk](http://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/68205>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=44219&B=AGCSU](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=44219&B=AGCSU)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

Dermatology Services for Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board are undertaking a procurement process and are inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to bid for Dermatology Services.

The procurement is split into 2 Lots:

Lot 1: West and North Kent Dermatology Service (W&NKDS)

The anticipated contract duration will be for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years as required.

Lot 2: East Kent Community Dermatology Service (EKCDS)

The anticipated contract duration will be for an initial period of 2 years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years as required.

The service is a Schedule 3 Service and is being procured under the Light Touch Regime(LTR) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

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

Value excluding VAT: £84,253,903

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1: West and North Kent Dermatology Service (W&NKDS)

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The requirements of the service will be a consultant-led (but not exclusively consultant delivered) Levels 1-4 service supported by a multi-disciplinary team which will manage a range of dermatological conditions.

The descriptions for Levels 1 – 4 are as follows:

Level 1 Self-Care - People with skin conditions who manage their conditions themselves should be supported with high-quality service user information and input from suitably trained nurses, service user support groups and community pharmacists. Ideally service users presenting with conditions that could be managed with self-care should be referred to their local community pharmacy and be supported to self-manage their condition. Community pharmacists are able to advise on a range of common skin conditions, included but not limited to allergic rashes, dry skin conditions such as eczema, minor skin infections, warts and verrucae.

The new service will be expected to work with Primary Care and service users to develop a programme of education around low level management of skin conditions which would not be routinely referred to the service. To further support service users, however, the provider will be required to identify a range of voluntary sector organisations who specialise in supporting service users with skin conditions and who offer group support for service users. This educational programme will need to be inclusive of all service user groups and therefore accessibility and representation (of those groups) should be

considered throughout the programme.

Level 2 Generalist Care - People with skin conditions needing generalist care are managed initially through self-referral to their GP. Ideally these service users should be managed within the GP practice. As noted above, the provider will be required to develop training and management of Level 2 conditions within the practice.

Level 3 Intermediate and Specialist Care - Any service user whose skin condition cannot be managed by a generalist will need to be referred for specialist care and will need to be managed by a specialist in the community setting.

Level 4 Supra-Specialist Care – the management of complex and/or rare skin disorders including 2 ww pathways. These services were historically delivered from a secondary care setting by a consultant dermatologist.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £78,964,487

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

84

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2: East Kent Community Dermatology Service (EKCDS)

Lot No

2

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ44 - East Kent

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

The service will provide and deliver a consultant led (but not exclusively consultant delivered) Level 1-3 service supported by a multi-disciplinary team which will manage a range of dermatological conditions. The provider will host a consultant-led triage service, using clinical and operating protocols agreed with East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT), ensuring service users are directed to appropriate services.

Level 4 services will remain with the incumbent provider East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) and are therefore not included within the scope of this Lot, however, the community services will be expected to fully integrate with the Level 4 service and ensure referrals seen in the acute setting are those that only really need to be there.

The descriptions for Levels 1 – 4 are as follows:

**Level 1 Self-Care** - People with skin conditions who manage their conditions themselves should be supported with high-quality service user information and input from suitably trained nurses, service user support groups and community pharmacists. Ideally, service users presenting with conditions that could be managed with self-care should be referred to their local community pharmacy and be supported to self-manage their condition. Community pharmacists are able to advise on a range of common skin conditions including, but not limited to, allergic rashes, dry skin conditions, such as eczema, minor skin infections, warts and verrucae.

The new service will be expected to work with Primary Care and service users to develop a programme of education around low level management of skin conditions which would not be routinely referred to the service. To further support service users, however, the provider will be required to identify a range of voluntary sector organisations who specialise in supporting service users with skin conditions and who offer group support for service users. This educational programme will need to be inclusive of all service user groups and therefore accessibility and representation (of those groups) should be considered throughout the programme.

**Level 2 Generalist Care** - People with skin conditions needing generalist care are managed initially through self-referral to their GP. Ideally, these service users should be managed within the GP practice. As noted above, the provider will be required to develop training and management of Level 2 conditions within the practice.

**Level 3 Intermediate and Specialist Care** - Any service user whose skin condition cannot

be managed by a generalist will need to be referred for specialist care and will need to be managed by a specialist in the community setting.

Level 4 Supra-Specialist Care – To be provided by EKHUFT - the management of complex and/or rare skin disorders including 2 weeks wait (2ww) pathways and the use of biologic therapies, which is Level 4 only.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,289,416

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

48

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

17 November 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom