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Planning

WMCPC Admission and Triage Unit (ATU) - Market Engagement

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

WMCPC Admission and Triage Unit (ATU) - Market Engagement

Reference number

WMCPC-ATU-T9

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111500 - Psychiatric hospital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THIS NOTICE IS FOR A MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT ONLY

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU on behalf of Birmingham Women and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, as Lead Provider of the West Midlands CAMHS Provider Collaborative (<https://toucanwestmids.nhs.uk/>), are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced providers for the provision of an Admission and Triage Unit (ATU) for children and young people within the West Midlands (aged 13-18) who require intensive mental health support and a brief admission for assessment if required. Further details of the service are provided in II.2.4 below.

The Commissioner intends to hold a market engagement event on 26th September 2024 via Microsoft Teams and 30 minute 1:1 sessions on 01st October. You will only be invited to a 1:1 session if you have attended the open forum event. Sessions will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis. Interested parties should express an interest in attending by completing a short questionnaire which can be found on the Atamis Health Family portal (<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>) and search for project C304179. A link to the event will then be sent to those who formally express interest by completing the short questionnaire.

Please ensure you have registered your interest in attending the market engagement event by 25th September at 12 noon.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The WMCPC intends to commission an Admission and Triage Unit (ATU) for children and young people within the West Midlands (aged 13-18) who require intensive mental health support and a brief admission for assessment if required. Referrals will be via Form 1.

The service and provider will need to be registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide mental health services.

The indicative services aims are to:

- Provide brief admission and a safe place for a young person with an escalation in their risk behaviours to be admitted for triage and further assessment – this will be under the MH act [not to be confused with Place of Safety 136.
- Provide access to inpatient care out of hours where the alternative may be within an inappropriate setting i.e S136 or ED Department and the destination is admission to hospital and not to a crisis facility or crash pad.
- Give time to the young person to de-escalate from their situation in a safe place and allow professionals further time to assess and determine appropriate service for the young person to access
- Reduce lengthy inpatient admissions to Tier 4 CAMHs inpatient units and/or reduce inpatient bed days through early access to de-escalation
- Provide a range of assessments and therapeutic interventions to support the young person's discharge and de-escalate from their situation.

The proposed service model should cover the following minimum requirements (these may be subject to amendment due to concurrent development work)

- Service should be focused on de-escalation and expert assessment scaling down of young person's risk factors and presenting behaviours towards discharge.

- There should be ongoing risk and assessment during the time the young person is with the ATU.
- Admissions should be time limited and the young person should be discharged within 14 days of admission or transferred to an appropriate inpatient unit if longer term admission indicated via the assessment.
- Therapeutic input should be on providing evidence based short term interventions focused on understanding the triggers for the current crisis, coping strategies, reduction in risks of harm and where appropriate providing interventions within the group so shared experiences can support in finding solutions.
- Overarching aim is removing the need for an inpatient admission through concentrated crisis management and to reduce the burden on community CAMHS crisis services .
- Service should be operational seven days per week, 24 hours per day.
- Service should have a maximum of 6 beds for overnight care and a separate day area to facilitate 'on the day' discharge where appropriate.

This is a new service model for Children and Young People's Intensive Mental Health Services (CYPIMHS), as such, the successful Provider is expected to be fully operational, providing services ideally from 1st January 2025, but at the latest from 1st April 2025.

The contract value is £2,000,000 per annum (£4,000,000 lifetime). Contract Length is expected to be a maximum of 2 years, inline with the Lead Provider contract commissioned by NHSE.

The service(s) must be located within the geography of the West Midlands.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this exercise.

II.2.14) Additional information

Any award of contract for this requirement is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply. In addition, neither the placement of this notice nor any subsequent notice shall bind the Commissioner to award of any contract.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 November 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No