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## **Virtual Ward solution**

East Kent Hospitals University

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037771

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

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

East Kent Hospitals University

NHS Foundation Trust Headquarters Kent and Canterbury Hospital Ethelbert Road

Canterbury

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Senior Category Manager - Corporate

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ44 - East Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ekhuft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/>

Buyer's address

<https://commercialsolutions.bravosolution.co.uk/>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Virtual Ward solution

Reference number

TEKH1258

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

2gether Support Solutions (as Agent on behalf of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust)

This RFI seeks to obtain information from the market on suitable solutions that are capable of delivering a virtual ward solution to East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

The Virtual wards solutions will be a fully technology-enabled (the management of patients via a digital platform) to optimise care of patients, support communication and enable the effective management of a patient's condition:

Patients are required to wear a device that continuously monitors and reports vital signs. The devices issued will depend on patient need.

Clinical teams can see individual measurements for the patients they are responsible for via a dashboard.

The platforms ensure that the team is alerted when any patient moves outside agreed parameters, allowing them to take appropriate action. The RFI seeks to obtain further detail as to what system solutions are available, and as a minimum understand integrations, compatibility with monitoring devices and compliance to IT standards.

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

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 48180000 - Medical software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

East Kent Hospitals

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

The PIN is seeking to gain an understanding of the virtual ward solutions in operation in a healthcare environment market.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

20 October 2022

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## **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

2gether Support Solutions on behalf of East Kent Hospitals wishes to engage with suitably experienced providers of a virtual ward solution.

Further information about the opportunity is contained in the "Request for Information", which can be downloaded from the Attachments section of the e-Tendering portal.

Instructions for registering to receive further information about this potential opportunity and to complete the RFI

- a) access the e-Tendering portal at <https://commercialsolutions.bravosolution.co.uk>; and
- b) navigate to the section titled PQQs/ITTs Open to All Suppliers; and
- c) click on pqq\_1137 – Virtual Ward and then Express Interest; and
- d) download the RFI provided within the Attachments section; and
- e) prior to 12:00 on Monday 31st October 2022, complete, and submit, a response to the questions asked within the Qualification Envelope

It should be noted that by returning the Qualification Envelope is NOT an actual pre-qualification (selection) questionnaire. E-tendering portal limitations mean that the labels state 'PQQ' and 'Qualification Envelope'.

This notice is NOT being used by 2gether Support Solutions to commence any procurement exercise, of any kind. As such, 2gether Support Solutions reserves the right to alter any aspect of the proposed contract opportunity or, not proceed with it, at its sole discretion. Furthermore, 2gether Support Solutions is NOT bound to commence any procurement following the information received from the RFI, or otherwise.

Participants are responsible for their own costs of participating in RFI and any subsequent procurement process if conducted.