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## **Expressions of Interest for the Provision of General Dental Services in Wellingborough & Rutland**

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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

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

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Buyer's address

<https://www.notts.icb.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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Expressions of Interest for the Provision of General Dental Services in Wellingborough & Rutland

Reference number

AG23032

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85131000 - Dental-practice services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) on behalf of 5 Integrated Care Boards in the East Midlands Commissioning team and NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board and NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (The Commissioners) would like to notify the market of a potential upcoming opportunity to provide General Dental Services in Wellingborough & Rutland. Which will be used as a conduit to ascertain market capability and interest in the opportunity and help determine the appropriate way forward and to help inform the commissioners on which procurement process to carry out i.e. a Competitive Process or a Most Suitable Provider Process.

All interested providers are invited to participate in an early market assessment questionnaire.

The Commissioners would also like to provide interested providers with a link to a pre-recorded Market Engagement Event. If your organisation is interested in having access to this event, then please respond to the questions on Atamis and register your interest by following the instructions given below. The link will be shared by email to providers that have registered an interest on Monday 28th October 2024.

Please note this PIN closes 12:00PM (Mid-day) on Friday 25th October 2024.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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

This notice is purely for providers to express an interest in the opportunity to provide General Dental Services in Wellingborough & Rutland. There will be two Lots for the consideration of providers and are detailed as per the below;

[Lot 1 - General Dental Services in Rutland]:

The Provider will be required to deliver services from within 5 miles of LE15 6DH. Any distance outside of the 5-mile proximity will not be considered.

The contract is expected to start on 1st July 2025 and run until 30th June 2028 with an option for the commissioner to extend for a further 24 months until 30th June 2030.

The lifetime value of the contract is £1,537,414.22. All treatments will be provided under NHS arrangements and NHS fees charged as appropriate.

[Lot 2 - General Dental Services in Wellingborough]:

The Provider will be required to deliver services from within 5 miles of NN8 4JJ. Any distance outside of the 5-mile proximity will not be considered.

The contract is expected to start on 1st July 2025 and run until 30th June 2028 with an option for the commissioner to extend for a further 24 months until 30th June 2030.

The estimated lifetime value of the contract is £1,756,582.37. All treatments will be provided under NHS arrangements and NHS fees charged as appropriate.

[Applicable for both Lots]:

The services will comply with relevant regulations and statutory instruments including:

- The National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005
- The National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005
- The Mental Capacity Act 2005

The service will comply with any new national policy and guidance as it is issued.

The service will comply with local policies, procedures and guidelines developed collaboratively through the Local Dental Network (LDN) and any relevant Managed Clinical Networks (MCNs) as these succeed and build on extant policies of the predecessor organisation, including:

- Local oral health strategies and oral health promotion strategies or the equivalent
- NHS commissioning strategies for primary care and specialist services or the equivalent
- Local dental referral protocols

The service will also meet the requirements of the Care Quality Commission.

Please note the deadline for expressing an interest is 12:00PM (Mid-day) on Friday 25th October 2024.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is the expectation of the commissioner that providers will review the specifications provided in order to inform their responses to the pre-market engagement questionnaire.

Please note the Contract Notice Publish date is only indicative at this time and is subject to change.

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

28 March 2025

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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**

This is purely an early engagement exercise; any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.

This is a market testing exercise and does not commit the Commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements.

The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the Provider Selection Regime(PSR) Notice. The awarding of this contract will be subject to the HealthCare Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 will not apply to this award.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this market engagement exercise. To express an interest and access the questionnaire go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link:<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects> and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C310950  
- EOI: General Dental Services in Wellingborough & Rutland

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