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Planning

## **Environmental Control (EC) Services for Patients with Complex Disability (Lot 1: Norfolk & Suffolk; Lot 2: Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Bedfordshire)**

NHS England

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

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

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**Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

Environmental Control (EC) Services for Patients with Complex Disability (Lot 1: Norfolk & Suffolk; Lot 2: Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Bedfordshire)

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of

NHS England - East of England Specialised Commissioning (referred to as the Commissioner), is undertaking

a market engagement exercise to understand the current and future capacity and capability

of the incumbent and potential providers within this specialised area. Please note that this is not a call for competition although the commissioner would encourage all potential providers to respond to this market engagement exercise. The outcome of this market engagement will help inform commissioners of the current and future capacity and capability

of the market and will be considered to inform the commissioning approach.

Interested parties are encouraged to register their interest only if they are able to deliver the

full list of the requirements

Participation to this market engagement will close at 12pm (noon), Friday 8th December 2023.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

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

Lot 1: Norfolk and Suffolk

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

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

The anticipated number of patients (prevalence), pertaining to this Lot, requiring these services are:

Norfolk and Waveney -105

Suffolk-62

Lot 1 - TOTAL 167

Environmental Control (EC) provision promotes independence, safety and quality of life. It is a means of providing a person with a disability, the ability to participate in every-day activities: domestic, social and in the workplace. Reducing dependency on others for routine tasks provides greater autonomy to the individual, assists in managing risks and may reduce support costs. It can also have a positive impact on the wellbeing of carers and family members.

A key element of EC Systems is that they enable the user to control multiple functions through an input and interface that are tailored to their individual needs. The systems are prescribed and assembled to meet individual need and may include a custom manufactured or bespoke element.

The service is to be available to persons of all ages, diversities, medical conditions (acquired or congenital) and place of residence (independent living, with family, residential care, nursing home), who have a severe disability, which restricts their ability to independently operate standard means for control of the environment and access to computer technology.

Please see the link to the service specification: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/complex-disability-equipment-environmental-controls-all-ages.pdf>

Provider(s) must be located in the NHS England Region of The East of England.

NHS England Regions

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>

The service is expected to commence in October 24.

The anticipated contract duration for this service is 5 years, with an option to extend the contract up to a further 2 year period at the Commissioner's discretion.

This notice is to advise prospective providers in the market of the commissioner's intention

to commission this service and to provide an opportunity to engage with and participate in a

market engagement questionnaire. It is possible that as a result of this exercise, a formal tender process will not be required but instead a simpler provider selection process will be undertaken. Where it is noted that competition is absent for a particular lot, the Commissioner reserves the right to direct award to provider(s) with no further competition. All providers will be notified of next steps following the conclusion of this market engagement exercise.

Documentation relating to this exercise including a questionnaire is available through the Atamis (Health Family) portal. To register your interest and access the questionnaire, please

follow this link to the Atamis (Health Family) portal: <https://healthfamily.force.com/s/Welcome>.

The project reference is C215364 and the closing date for submission of the completed questionnaire is: 12pm (noon) 8th December 2023.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2: Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Bedfordshire

Lot No

2

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKH11 - Peterborough
- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire
- UKH24 - Bedford

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

The anticipated number of patients (prevalence), pertaining to this Lot, requiring these services are:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough -87  
Bedfordshire-47  
Lot 2 - TOTAL 134

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

1 March 2024

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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: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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