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Planning

Lymphoedema Service for Slough, Maidenhead Windsor & Ascot and Bracknell

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

King Edward VII Hospital St Leonards Road

Windsor

SL4 3DP

Email

scwcsu.cbprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ - South East (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.frimley.icb.nhs.uk

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Lymphoedema Service for Slough, Maidenhead Windsor & Ascot and Bracknell

Reference number

WA17236 / C316927

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Frimley ICB is considering their options for commissioning a lymphoedema service for all adults aged 18 or over who are registered with a GP in East Berkshire. Patients would be eligible for the service based on having primary or secondary lymphoedema and this is regardless of diagnosis (i.e., cancer and non-cancer patients; palliative and non-palliative).

The aim is to provide a comprehensive service for adults with lymphoedema involving assessment, intervention, evaluation, advice and support. This will be in line with national and local best practice guidance, and local population requirements. The vision for people with lymphoedema is to receive high quality, effective services which are delivered closer to home and are easily accessed. The service will operate with short waiting times and high responsiveness to the needs of local communities. The service will be free at the point of access.

The contract will potentially be for 2 years with an option to extend for 2 further years. The anticipated contract value based on current activity levels would be £774k over the full 4 year period.

Additional funding for 'made to measure garments' will also be available for up to £60k per year.

Commissioners wish to understand the level of interest in this service from the market and invite suitably qualified and experienced providers to complete the attached engagement questionnaire.

Providers wishing to take part in the market engagement must express an interest within the e-procurement system where providers will be given access to a draft specification and questionnaire. Bidders who express an interest will be expected to complete the questionnaire.

Completed questionnaires should be submitted no later than 5pm, 22nd November 2024 via the messaging portal within the e-procurement system.

Interested providers will be able to view this notice via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-procurement system, Atamis, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

This exercise is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Lymphoedema Service will consist of:

- Primary and secondary care referrals into the service.
- Provision of flexible outreach clinic(s) offered to increase accessibility.
- Specialist holistic assessment to include physical, psychological, spiritual and cultural needs looking at severity of oedema, skin condition, pain, vascular, nutritional and mobility.
- Provision of a personalised care plan with patient-led goals provided within a coordinated package of care.
- Appropriate suite of interventions are offered; including (but not limited to); skin care, exercise, simple lymphatic drainage (SLD), manual lymphatic drainage (MLD), Doppler assessment compression therapy, multilayer lymphoedema bandaging, Kinesio-tape.

- Provision of compression garments for people with lymphoedema following agreed protocols.
- Information on and signposting to any relevant community/social support services.
- Follow-up appointments to assess and evaluate whether needs have been met.
- Provide patients and carers with information to support rationale for treatment
- Provide specialist advice and education to support patients to self-manage.
- Promotes early intervention, limits disease progression and reduces the need for time-consuming intensive therapy.
- Improved quality of life for patients with lymphoedema.
- Reduce the risk of infection/cellulitis and preventable hospital admissions.
- Restore maximal functionality.
- Improve limb size and shape and provide long term control of limb volume.
- Drive innovation through service improvement via
 - o Utilisation of available national and local data/guidance, and,
 - o The collection and analysis of regular and appropriate service user feedback.
- Work with the ICB on appropriate KPIs and strive to meet (and exceed where possible) these agreed performance targets.
- Ensuring appropriate data collection methods to submit quarterly reports to the ICB as per the information and quality schedules.
- Form/maintain good positive links to other associated services/providers to allow the provision of multi-agency health and social care.
- Palliative patients must be referred into a specialist palliative care service when needed.
- Work alongside referrers to ensure timely and appropriate referrals; this may include training and support for referrers, and may include supporting referrers with patients who do not meet the referral criteria.
- CQC registration

- Have appropriate governance and policies

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 January 2025

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Authority or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. The Authority will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise.

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the 'Health Family' e-procurement system, Atamis. Click on 'View our Live Opportunities' from the home page, available on the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the relevant information and market engagement questionnaire, you will need to click on 'Register interest' - this will take you to the log-in page.

If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so before gaining full access to the documentation and to be able to submit your expression of interest / market engagement questionnaire using the correspondence function within Atamis.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) prior information notice. The contract 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.