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Planning

Community Services and Mental Health Services to NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

NHS Organisation Data Service

QHG

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

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

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

Community Services and Mental Health Services to NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is placed as a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market that NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board ("Commissioners") on behalf of the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Integrated Health and Care Partnership are exploring options on how to re-commission Community and Mental Health services across the locality.

The BLMK Integrated Health and Care Partnership strategy's overarching ambition is to increase the number of years people spend in good health and reduce the gap between the healthiest and least healthy in our community.

The scope, value, process(es) and contract model(s) of the services to be implemented are yet to be determined as Commissioners are considering:

- The national and local direction of travel around shift in the model of care toward prevention.
- Providing an equitable and sustainable service provision across the locality.
- Demographics to determine (potential) change in demand for services.
- Opportunities for improvement.
- The ongoing development of the case for change.
- The need to deliver care differently to meet growing needs in clinical areas.

This PIN is not a formal call for competition and does not signal the launch of any formal procurement process but is being issued by the Commissioners as they are seeking to engage with suitably qualified providers to help inform and shape the next steps of this commissioning process. The Commissioners aims are:

- Engaging with providers.
- Understanding the interest there might be in providing such services from suitably qualified providers.
- Informing the commissioning process.
- Gathering information from stakeholders that may be used to shape a commissioning / procurement process and the associated documentation.

Suitably qualified providers are asked to express their interest via our eprocurement portal - please see Section VI: Complementary information of this notice for further details. Up to four (4) engagements events will take place over the coming months.

Please note that the first engagement event is scheduled to take place on 10th July 2025. As such, only organisations that have expressed an interest and completed the event registration form (available via the portal) on or before 12:00 on Wednesday 9th July 2025 will be invited to this first event. All correspondence relating to the events will be provided through the eprocurement portal.

The eprocurement portal will remain open for organisations to express an interest until 15th September 2025. Details on subsequent event and enrolment will be posted through this route.

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 January 2026

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 referenced at II.1.1 Title or reference number C368467), to gain full access to the relevant information, 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 submit your expression of interest and gain access to the event registration links.

The intention is to award a contract using the competitive process.

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 Procurement Act 2023 do not apply.