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## **Critical Care Transfer Coordination Service (Call Handling) – East Midlands**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040381

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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**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**

Critical Care Transfer Coordination Service (Call Handling) – East Midlands

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

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare 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 (referred to as the Commissioner), is seeking to commission a suitably qualified and experienced provider to deliver the specialised critical care transfer co-ordination service (Call Handling) for the East Midlands Region through the publication of this ITT.

The service provider will receive and coordinate all urgent and emergency requests via telephone and digital routes, for intra-uterine (IUT), Neonatal critical care (CenTre), Paediatric critical care (CoMET), and Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), for the East Midlands Region.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,253,832

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

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

Following a market engagement exercise which had a return date of 15th November 2023, Commissioners are now running an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process.

The Service is required to meet the following needs:

- To provide an expeditious 24/7 service that meets the quality schedule within the NHS Standard Contract for the management of all advice, facilitation of cot/bed locating where required, and/or transfer activity associated with IUT, Neonatal, Paediatric, and ECMO patients.
- To record, index, retain, and access when required, all requests received or facilitated by the service via digital and/or telephone/conference calling safely and accurately in line with NHS records retention policies.
- To provide accurate and timely information on all contacts (digital and/or telephone calls) managed as per the service specification and the information schedule (Schedule 6 within the NHS Standard Contract).

Commissioned Provider(s) must be able to meet all of the following key criteria:

- The ability to work with service leads to manage and coordinate requests for advice, cot/bed locating, and/or transport 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year in accordance with agreed quality and performance indicators for the services referred to above.
- Robust business continuity plans to ensure delivery of a safe service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- To have robust capacity and demand policies to manage any planned or unplanned surge in activity.
- The ability to accurately record reliable activity information on all requests as per the service specification and described within the NHS Standard Contract.
- The ability to digitally record, safely store, index, retrieve, and retain all requests (whatever format) received or made in or out of the services in accordance with NHS record retention policies and protocols.
- Evidence of being able to work collaboratively and cooperatively with NHS and Non-NHS providers / stakeholders to improve patient experience and safety.
- The ability to work with stakeholders to enhance and improve the service provision and delivery over the length of the contract.
- The ability to provide a reliable and secure communication (telephony, digital conferencing, and digital messaging) conduit for all requests between general hospitals, specialist treatment centres (Providers) and transport services.
- To have full support of their Board to provide this service in accordance with the NHS Standard Contract.
- This is an Administrative Service and does not require clinical qualifications. However, the Service Provider staff should have a basic understanding of the Clinical Services as it will involve communicating and facilitating discussions between clinicians.
- To be able to deliver this service safely and effectively from the contract start date of 1st November 2024 until 31st October 2029 and there is an option to extend the contract for up to a further 12 months.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,253,832

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 November 2024

End date

31 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract period is 5 years with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 12 months.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-028235](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

23 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

23 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

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