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Planning

ENHT - Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Palliative Care Consultant

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.enherts-tr.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

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

ENHT - Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Palliative Care Consultant

Reference number

C325148

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

People with progressive life-limiting illnesses require different levels of health and social care at different points in their illness. Apart from care and treatment specific to their underlying condition(s), they are likely to have needs that are often referred to as palliative or end of life care, especially as they approach the last year(s) of their lives.

Throughout their illness, sometimes episodically, for prolonged periods, they may require expert assessment, advice, appropriate and responsive care, and support from specialists in palliative care.

In addition to physical symptoms such as pain, breathlessness, nausea and fatigue, people who are approaching the end of life may experience anxiety, depression, social and spiritual distress. The proper management of these issues requires effective and collaborative, multidisciplinary working within and between core and specialist teams, whether the person is at home, in hospital or elsewhere.

Key components of a Palliative Care Specialist Service include:

- Specialist knowledge (specialist consultant and specialist nursing services as a minimum) to assess and manage physical, psychological, social, religious and spiritual needs to reduce symptoms, suffering and distress
- supporting analysis of complex clinical decision-making challenges where medical and personal interests are finely balanced by applying relevant ethical and legal reasoning alongside clinical assessment
- providing specialist advice, support, education and training to the wider care team who are providing direct core level palliative care to the person.

The Agreement is for the supply of:

- Remote Specialist Palliative Care Consultant support (Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00 / Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10:00-14:00)

- On-site support for more complex patient cases (Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00 / Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10:00-14:00)
- One clinic session per week (morning or afternoon session) with a mixed patient caseload of face to face and telephone consultations
- Attend and support a weekly Palliative Care / Symptom Control Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting. This may be held remotely.

2.4 The majority of patients requiring remote / face to face palliative care specialist support will be inpatients on Ward 10 / 11 with symptom control support also required for some MVCC patients in the community.

Inpatient beds for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (MVCC) ward are capped at 22, with typical activity including elective brachytherapy treatments, systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT), symptom control management and end of life care.

Due to the weekly elective treatments, patient activity is typically busier from Monday to Friday with lower patient numbers during weekends and Bank Holidays.

In terms of medical staffing to support the ward - outside of normal working hours, one Resident Doctor (junior clinical fellow) remains on site with off-site support from a specialty registrar in addition to an Oncology Consultant on call.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust
Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Rickmansworth Road
Northwood
HA6 2RN

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a PIN Notice for the Intention to engage with potential suppliers who can provide this service for the trust.

The procurement process is subject to the Provider Selection Regime (PSR)

Please look at the attached specification for more details on the service requirements.

The provider must be able to fulfill all the service requirements stated within the Trust specification.

The deadline for response to OPT in is Friday 3rd January 2025 at 12pm noon.

If you wish to OPT IN, please ensure this is communicated via the Atamis Portal.

Any questions relating to this should be sent via the Atamis Portal.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please see the link below to Atamis.

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

The contract reference number is C325148

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 December 2024

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