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Planning

Kent & Medway Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Long Covid Service Market Engagement

NHS Kent and Medway 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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<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.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

Kent & Medway Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Long Covid Service Market Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

*This advert is for market engagement only***

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The Commissioner intends to hold a virtual market engagement event.

This event will be the formal opportunity for providers interested in delivering Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Long Covid Service in Kent and Medway to hear about the future contracting model. The contract term will be three years, with a two year extension option. The financial envelope will be discussed during the market engagement event.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent
- UKJ41 - Medway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The commissioning intention is to implement an integrated specialist service for adults (and transitioning young people) with suspected or diagnosed ME/CFS and/or Long Covid across Kent and Medway.

Key Features of the Service:

- Early diagnosis and personalised care planning
- Multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach including medical, nursing, AHPs, and care coordinators
- Virtual and in-person support options
- Integration with primary care, community services, and voluntary sector
- Support for self-management, rehabilitation, and return to work/education
- Dedicated pathways for severely affected patients, including home-based care
- Transition support for young people moving from paediatric to adult services

The virtual market engagement event will take place between 11:00am and 12:00noon on Friday 22th August 2025.

Upon registration and completion of the online questionnaire, a link to the virtual meeting will be provided.

Any and all information/documents that are made available as part of this engagement exercise is draft and subject to change. All timeframes are indicative and may also be subject to change.

Please note, this Prior Information Notice relates to a service/contract in scope of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). Any future Procurement / Provider Selection Process conducted will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act

2023 regulations will not apply.

II.2.14) Additional information

To register to attend the event and access further details please go to the following <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, register on the system as appropriate.

Access project Ref No. C374758 'Kent & Medway Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Long Covid Service Market Engagement' and complete the short questionnaire to register your attendance.

Please register by 5pm on 20th August 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 May 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