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Planning

Enhanced Care Unit

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG - West Midlands (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.bwc.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

Enhanced Care Unit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111500 - Psychiatric hospital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THIS NOTICE IS FOR A MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT ONLY

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit on behalf of West Midlands Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Provider Collaborative (WMCP) (<https://toucanwestmids.nhs.uk/>), for which Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust (BWC) is the Lead Provider are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced providers for the provision of an Enhanced Care Unit.

The service(s) must be located within the geography of the West Midlands.

Contract Length is expected to be a maximum of 15 months, in line with the Lead Provider contract commissioned by NHSE.

The contract awarded will be a 'Lead Provider sub-contract' for the purposes of fulfilling our responsibilities under our 'Lead Provider contract' with the Commissioner. Should the Lead Provider arrangements change during the term of the contract, relevant responsibilities will be transferred to an alternative organisation as appropriate. The General Condition 12 'Assignment and Sub-Contracting' of the NHS Standard Contract, as per the obligations of the commissioner, will set out the terms and conditions under which the contract will be transferred or assigned to the relevant Lead Provider or relevant commissioning authority.

The Contract to be entered into will be in accordance with the general NHS Standard Contract issued by the Commissioner(s), which can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>

Further details are provided in II.2.4 below.

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Please ensure that you have registered your interest in attending the market engagement event by 17th September 2025 at 12 noon.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service will offer an enhanced Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) environment and level of care. The clinical model will be trauma responsive, sensory adjusted to provide autism sensitive care and will be skilled to include diagnosis where disordered eating features are a risk factor.

Delivering an intensive level of care, through specialist care planning and risk assessment with a skilled MDT. The service aim is ensuring that young people are stepped down as soon as clinically appropriate from highly restrictive levels of care.

The service aims to provide a specialist inpatient option for young people in a clinical pathway of care for young people who might otherwise be referred to a Low Secure pathway of care due to a lack of suitable options. ECU will prevent unnecessary escalation by offering intensive, needs-led support in a less restrictive environment.

Further details regarding this requirement can be found in the service specification which is available to download from the Atamis portal.

This is a new service model for Children and Young People's Intensive Mental Health Services (CYPIMHS), as such, the successful Provider is expected to be fully operational, providing services from April 2026.

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 October 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

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