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Tender

Select Item 1 Consultant SME - for Catering Managed Services Tender

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-057041

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Scope

Description

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSE NHS FT) provides hospital and community healthcare services to the Mid and South Essex population. The Trust's primary aim is to deliver safe, high-quality, and sustainable care, supporting patients, staff, and visitors through services that enhance wellbeing. Catering services form an integral part of patient care, contributing to nutrition, recovery, and overall patient experience.

The Trust is committed to delivering modern, patient-centred services and seeks suppliers who can support this vision. The catering services required aim to:

- provide high-quality meals that meet nutritional standards for patients, staff, and visitors;
- offer flexible, responsive, and innovative catering solutions;
- support sustainability and efficiency objectives, including minimising food waste; and
- work collaboratively with the Trust to enhance the overall patient and staff experience.

To ensure the catering specification meets clinical, operational, and patient needs, the Trust requires the involvement of subject matter experts (SMEs). These SMEs, acting as consultants, will support the development of the specification, providing specialist knowledge on nutrition, clinical requirements, operational delivery, and patient experience. Their involvement will help ensure that the procurement delivers safe, high-quality, and sustainable catering services. Please review Document 2 – Specification for full set of requirements.

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 9 May 2026
- Possible extension to 9 November 2026
- 1 year

Description of possible extension:

6 months options included

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://atamis-1928.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/ProSpend__Proc_Contract__c/a07Sr00000g9dfvIAA/view

Atamis E-Tendering Portal

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	70%	Quality	70.00%
Commercial	30%	Price	30.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No Market Engagement was carried out

Contracting authority

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBVJ-9475-ZCMD

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government