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Planning

Insourcing of clinical services_Breast imaging and reporting services

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road

Canterbury

CT1 3NG

Contact

Senior Category Manager - Corporate (C384896)

Email

ekh-tr.procurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ44 - East Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.ekhuft.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**

Insourcing of clinical services_Breast imaging and reporting services

Reference number

C384896

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (the "Trust"), is looking to award a contract under the Most Suitable Provider process of the Provider Selection Regime ("PSR"), i.e., able to identify the most suitable provider without running a competitive exercise, for the provision of insourced clinical services to support the Trust in the overall delivery of a comprehensive on-site Breast Imaging Service utilising Breast Radiologists and where required Breast Radiographers and Radiology Nurses, to be based at either the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury or the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
- 85141200 - Services provided by nurses
- 85110000 - Hospital and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ44 - East Kent

Main site or place of performance

Either Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Kent or Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital, Margate, Kent.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with Regulation 10 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, 2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (the "Trust"), is looking to award a contract under the Most Suitable Provider process, i.e., able to identify the most suitable provider without running a competitive exercise, for the provision of insourced clinical services to support the establishment and delivery of the Trust's new Mechanical Thrombectomy service.

A most suitable provider has already been identified by the Trust against NHS Shared Business Services' Insourcing of Clinical Services framework, reference SBS1020, to provide a comprehensive on-site Breast Imaging Service utilising Breast Radiologists and where required Breast Radiographers and Radiology Nurses, to be based at either the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury or the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.

The scope of the Services required includes: Breast Ultrasound; Ultrasound guided FNA Breast; Ultrasound guided core biopsy Breast; Ultrasound guided marker insertion Breast; Ultrasound guided aspiration Breast; Ultrasound guided guidewire Breast localisation; Upright Stereo mammogram and core biopsy; Upright Stereo Mammo and guidewire Breast localisation; Reporting of Mammograms and Reporting of Tomo Mammograms.

However if you think that your organisation is competent, suitably experienced and appropriately qualified to deliver such a service and is appointed a place on either NHS Shared Business Services' Insourcing of Clinical Services framework, reference SBS1020, or other other alternative and valid NHS England accredited and accessible framework, then you may approach 2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of the Trust, and express your interest in being considered as the "Most Suitable Provider".

You must submit information against a questionnaire (containing both basic selection and key criteria) against project reference C384896_Insourcing of clinical services_Breast imaging and reporting services of the e-Tendering portal by no later than 12:00 on 9th October 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach notice.

The awarding of this Proposed Contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act Regulations 2023 do NOT apply to this award.

The award decision makers shall be made as per the Contracting Authority's governance processes.

The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process. This notice will be published for seven days.

To register on the Health Family Single eCommercial System e-tendering portal:

If you have not accessed the portal before you will need to click Register from the landing page and complete the required form.

- 1) Register on the portal webpage <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Please note that registration and use of the website is free of charge.
- 2) Once registered, to search for tendering opportunities that have been published, click 'Find Opportunities'; and
- 3) From the Find Opportunities page, click on the title of an opportunity. If the tendering project is at the stage where it is open for suppliers to express interest, you will be able to click 'Register Interest'.

For technical support in submitting your Expression of Interest or registering on the 'Atamis Electronic Sourcing system please contact the Atamis helpdesk via email: support@atamis.co.uk.

All communications from providers should come through the Atamis portal. Strictly no other forms of communication to 2gether Support Solutions or the Trust will be accepted

(including telephone calls, postal queries/submissions, faxes or email communications) during this period.

2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of the Trust, are aware of our transparency obligations under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. Please note for those expressing an interest for these services, doing so does not guarantee that you will not be required to register for any future PSR related procurement activities and you should not rely on your response to this notice as confirmation that 2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of the Trust, will proceed further with either this, or other such, activities.

2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of the Trust, reserves the right not to proceed with the Most Suitable Provider process. If 2gether Support Solutions, on behalf of the Trust proceeds at any point, they reserve the right to discontinue the process at any point, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts.

Neither 2gether Support Solutions nor the Trust shall be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any provider in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this intended approach notice or in completion, or submission, of any response, irrespective of the outcome of the process if the process is cancelled or postponed for whatever reason.

All dates, timescales and values specified in this intended approach notice are provisional and 2gether's Procurement services, on behalf of the Trust, reserves the right to change these.