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Planning

Framework for the supply of Unlicensed Compound Specials

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Pre-Market Engagement Dates should read Tuesday 11th November and Wednesday 12th November 2025

Scope

Reference

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Description

The Tender is to establish a framework agreement for the supply of Unlicensed Compounded Specials to members of the East Midlands Pharmacy Collaborative. Unlicensed compounded medicinal products are purchased to meet the clinical needs of patients for which no licensed medicine is available.

Participating Trusts within the East Midlands have insufficient capacity to compound sufficient unlicensed medicines to meet their needs, therefore a supplier/supplier(s) are sought who are able to offer a high-quality, cost-effective service to supply unlicensed compounded medicines.

Trusts will buy the unlicensed compounded medicines to hold as stock, to meet the anticipated future needs of their patients. The unlicensed medicines will, therefore, be required to be batch produced and quality assured.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030

- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 November 2025

Engagement process description

Pre-Market Engagement Meetings will be held on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November 2025 on Microsoft Teams Times are - 10.00 hours to 11.30 hours . Suppliers are only required to attend one session but may attend both if they so wish but the content will be the same. The purpose of the PreMarket Engagement Meeting will be to discuss:

1. Specification - Current challenges we should be aware of. Feedback on any areas of concern or good practice.
2. Discuss the initial Product List - feedback
3. Bidding Process i.e. Closed/Open Framework - invite feedback from potential bidders
4. Proposed Award Criteria / Process

Please email Jane Brailsford at jane.brailsford1@nhs.net to select your slot from the above and a Teams Meeting invitation will be sent out. A record of all discussions will be shared with all bidders at Tender stage. The high-level specification and product list will be sent out 2 weeks in advance of the meetings.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 March 2026

Contracting authority

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