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Planning

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages - Most Suitable Provider Process

NHS England

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages - Most Suitable Provider Process

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an Intended Approach Notice to award contracts using the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) Process for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages in the North West (Lot 1) and North East and Yorkshire (Lot 2).

The service is commissioned in England for two specific indications in line with NHS England published Service Specification: Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for decompression illness/gas embolism (all ages).

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Hyperbaric-oxygen-therapy-services-all-ages-Service-specification-January-2025.pdf>

The aim of the service is to deliver Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) where clinically appropriate for those suffering from Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.

The above aim will be achieved by:

- (a) Providing 24 hour a day access to specialist clinical assessment by a Hyperbaric physician for patients who have symptoms following diving or exposure to altered pressure environment, or who may have had gas enter their circulation by another mechanism (gas embolism).
- (b) Where appropriate, onward referral or discharge of patients who do not require HBOT treatment for Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.
- (c) 24-hour access to HBOT where clinically appropriate.
- (d) HBOT delivered in facilities that are well maintained, comply with all relevant regulations, and follow best practice guidelines.
- (e) HBOT facilities are staffed with suitably qualified, experienced teams with skills that are actively maintained.
- (f) The delivery of care that is integrated with other services including the Emergency Department, Intensive Care, and other healthcare professionals as required.
- (g) Wherever possible, supporting the return of the service user to their pre-injury level of function, including referral to return to diving assessment if appropriate.
- (h) Engaging in relevant research and development of HBOT and actively engage in national audit and data collection for the HBOT service.
- (i) Working with relevant agencies and clinicians to support education and prevention initiatives.

Decompression Illness

Decompression illness arises from exposure to an altered pressure environment, most often from diving. The geographical distribution of cases of decompression illness is determined by the local level of diving activity, and is concentrated around coastal areas,

inland expanses of water and the locations of residence of the divers. Airports provide a significant minority of patients usually returning from a diving trip overseas. There is a total of approximately 150 - 200 cases in England per year.

Gas embolism

Cases of gas embolism arise from introduction of gas into a patient's circulation, most often inadvertently during a medical procedure (iatrogenic gas embolism). There are currently approximately 10 cases in England per year. However, this may be an underestimate of the number of actual cases.

The Commissioner's assessment of each potential provider will take into account the basic selection criteria and the following key criteria:

- Quality and innovation;
- Value;
- Integration, collaboration and service sustainability;
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice; and
- Social value.

The Commissioner's assessment will be on a [pass/fail] basis

If you believe your organisation can provide the full set of requirements, please register on the e-Tendering portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s>Welcome> against project reference C367512 to access the MSP documentation and submit your response.

The deadline for submitting completed Expression of Interest Questionnaires and Declarations is 12pm, midday, on Wednesday 5th November 2025.

It is anticipated that provider assessments will be completed between November and December 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £13,887,945

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - North West

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act Regulations 2023 do not apply to this award.

The intention is to award contracts using the Most Suitable Provider Process and the award decisions will be made by National Commissioning Group, Chaired by the NHS England National Director of Specialised Commissioning.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 : North East & Yorkshire

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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