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Planning

Section 12 (S12) Digital Solution Market Engagement for NHS BLMK ICB

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

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Scope

Reference

2027

Description

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NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board are inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to express their interest in delivering a S12 Digital Solution.

A digital solution is required which automates the management of the Mental Health Act S12 Assessment process.

The digital platform will need to include the following functions to allow the automation of the S12 Assessment process.

- Only accredited S12 Doctors should be able to access the system meaning that pre-authorisation checks that the Doctor has been accredited has already taken place. These will need to be regularly checked and updated by the provider.
- S12 Doctors should be able to add their availability calendar to the system which means professionals can see which Doctors are available to be called upon at any time.
- The AMHP – (Allied Mental Health Professional – accredited social worker under the powers of the MHA) should be able to open and manage their S12 caseload on the system.
- Doctors must be able to add their information on the system when they have completed their assessment, leading to automatic payment in the next monthly scheduled payment run.
- The software provider will need to provide training for Doctors, AMHPs and admin staff to use the system effectively and provide online support to all users.
- The ICB will need to receive detailed activity reports regarding numbers, times and dates of assessments along with providers which can aid resource allocation.

The purpose of this advert is to invite the market to engage and provide feedback on the draft specification. This will provide the ICB with valuable information to ensure that the service and specification is fit for purpose.

The deadline for market engagement responses is by 17:00 hours on Friday 5th December 2025. Please note this is a market testing exercise and does not commit the ICB to carry out any further procurement process. Any future opportunity will be carried out in accordance with the ICB's procurement obligations under the Procurement Act 2023.

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Project reference: C400548

Total value (estimated)

- £126,434 excluding VAT

- £151,720.80 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 December 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 December 2025

Contracting authority

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGZZ-7781-GJXG

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Region: UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVR-6647-BVMM

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Region: UKF11 - Derby

Contact organisation

Contact NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board for any enquiries.