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Tender

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages – Midlands only

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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

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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 – Midlands only

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England (referred to as the Authority), is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to respond to this Competitive Process for the provision of Provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages (Midlands).

The service is due to commence on 1st October 2026.

As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful bidder(s) for a period of 4 years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional 1 + 1 year(s) (maximum contract duration 6 years).

The deadline for submissions is 12.00pm (noon) on Monday 2nd February 2026.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,582,600

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service is commissioned in England for two specific indications in line with the service specification <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 provide timely access to Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) where clinically appropriate for those suffering from Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.

Providers are to note that the centre must be located in and deliver services from within the defined geographical area of the Midlands.

Good practice guidelines set out optimal time to treatment of 6 hours from symptom onset. As such any service should be located within 4 hours road travelling time of the nearest coastline and 4 hours road travelling time from the nearest neighbouring commissioned provider.

The above aim will be achieved by:

- Providing 24 hours 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).
- Where appropriate, onward referral or discharge of patients who do not require HBOT treatment for Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.
- 24-hour access to HBOT where clinically appropriate.
- HBOT delivered in facilities that are well maintained, comply with all relevant regulations, and follow best practice guidelines.
- HBOT facilities are staffed with suitably qualified, experienced teams with skills that are actively maintained.
- The delivery of care that is integrated with other services including the Emergency Department, Intensive Care, and other healthcare professionals as required.
- 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.
- Engaging in relevant research and development of HBOT and actively engage in national audit and data collection for the HBOT service.
- 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.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is not routinely commissioned for other indications including:

- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Necrotising soft tissue infections
- Soft tissue radiation damage in patient with a history pelvic irradiation
- Diabetic lower limb ulceration (diabetic foot ulcer)

For the avoidance of doubt this Competitive Process only relates to the provision of HBOT for Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.

Providers must be able to meet the requirements set out in this Competitive Process and deliver the contract in accordance with its terms.

To express interest and participate in the Competitive Process, please register and apply via Atamis esourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Should Tenderers have any queries, or having problems using the portal, they should contact Helpdesk at: Phone: 0800 0988 201 E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

The closing date for completed Competitive Process responses is 12:00pm (noon), on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Atamis Project reference: C396433

The contract duration is for 4 years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional 1 + 1 year(s) (maximum contract duration 6 years).

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The decision maker of the award will be: NHS England.

The intention is to award a contract using the Competitive Process

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,582,600

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 October 2026

End date

30 September 2032

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

As a result of this Competitive Process, a Contract will be awarded to the successful Provider(s) for a period of 4 years with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 1 + 1 year(s).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

2 February 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

2 February 2026

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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