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Tender

## Home Parenteral Nutrition

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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## Scope

## Reference

5954737

## Description

This tendering exercise aims at renewing the compliant and effective framework for supply and delivery of Home Parenteral Nutrition which was due to expire on 30th June 2025.

\*The existing Home Parenteral Nutrition Framework

was extended by 10 months respectively (under clause 2.3,

Commercial Terms and Conditions ) to 31st May 2026 to allow additional time for completion of this tender.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £33,561,582 excluding VAT
- £40,273,898 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 33692200 - Parenteral nutrition products

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

This is an unranked framework for the provision of Home Parenteral Nutrition to Northern Ireland delivered by the following body in NI;

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT)

The Framework Agreement will operate either a Direct Call-Off system, a Partial Further Competition or a Further Competition whereby the Buyer will engage the services of the Framework Provider through a Direct Call-off or a form of further competition or both. In accordance with CP21 the Tender Assessment Methodology, all suppliers who meet the assessment criteria will be appointed to the framework. The framework does not rank suppliers, and call-off decisions will be made based on the Buyer's operational, clinical, and technical requirements.

### **Award method when using the framework**

Either with or without competition

### **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

#### 15.1 Insurances

Suppliers must confirm that they will have prior to contract commencement date, the insurance as detailed within the terms and conditions of contract Schedule 22. Mandatory Requirement

Pass/Fail

To achieve a "Pass" suppliers must confirm that by answering "Yes" that they will have the insurance as detailed within the terms and conditions of contract Schedule 22 prior to the commencement date, a "No" response will result in a "Fail".

#### 15.2 Insurances

Suppliers must insert details of insurances already in place

OR

Suppliers must insert details of insurances which will be obtained following contract award (including information on how this insurance will be obtained - e.g. a quote) Mandatory Requirement

Pass/Fail

To achieve a "Pass" Suppliers must insert the details of insurance already in place OR insert the details of the insurance which will be obtained following the contract award - including information on how the insurance will be obtained, failure to do so will result in a "Fail".

#### 15.3 Bank details

Suppliers must insert the following bank details: the name, address and telephone number of their banker Mandatory Requirement

Pass/Fail

To achieve a "Pass" Suppliers must have provided their bank details - name, address and telephone number of their banker, failure to do so will result in a "Fail".

#### 15.4 Banking History

Suppliers must provide evidence to demonstrate that they have the financial capacity required for the contract.

Note to Suppliers the Buyer will not be paying charges for information requested. Please furnish this by providing the following:

- Account Name
- Sort Code
- Number of Years account has been opened. Mandatory Requirement

Pass/Fail

To achieve a "Pass" Suppliers must have provided their banking history to evidence that they have the financial capacity required for the contract, failure to do so will result in a "Fail".

#### 15.8 Terms and Conditions

Suppliers must confirm that they have carefully read the documents attached, titled Mid-Tier Core Terms and accompanying Schedules and confirm they accept these terms.

Mandatory Requirement

Pass/Fail

To achieve a "Pass" suppliers must confirm by answering "Yes". A "No" response will result in a "Fail".

#### 15.9 Real Living Wage

In accordance with the Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 01/21 Social Value in Procurement (PPN 01/21) suppliers must confirm, if awarded, that they will pay the Living Wage Foundation rates as a minimum to all workers directly involved in this contract.

Further information is available from the Living Wage Foundation

<https://www.livingwage.org.uk>

Suppliers must confirm, if awarded, that they will pay the Living Wage Foundation rates as a minimum to all workers directly involved in this contract. The Buyer reserves the right to request information as evidence at any time during the contract.

#### Mandatory Requirement

#### Pass/Fail

To achieve a “Pass” suppliers must confirm by answering “Yes”. A “No” response will result in a “Fail”.

#### 15.10 Award Form

Suppliers must attach their completed Mid-Tier Award Form.

#### Mandatory Requirement

#### Pass/Fail

To achieve a “Pass” suppliers must have attached their completed Mid-Tier Award Form, failure to do so will result in a “Fail”.

#### 15.11 Mid-Tier Schedule 20 (Processing Data)

Suppliers must attach their completed Schedule 20 (Processing Data).

#### Mandatory Requirement

#### Pass/Fail

To achieve a “Pass” Suppliers must have attached their completed Mid-Tier Schedule 20 (Processing Data). Failure to do so will result in a “Fail”.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

#### 16.1

16.1a - 16.1c Suppliers must provide details in questions 16.1a, 16.1b and 16.1c, of up to three contracts to meet conditions of participation relating to technical ability set out in the relevant notice or procurement documents, in any combination from either the public or private sectors (which may include samples of grant-funded work).

## 16.2

Suppliers who cannot provide at least one example of previous contracts held which are relevant to the requirement, must provide an explanation for this and how they meet the conditions of participation relating to technical ability in no more than 500 words e.g. your organisation is a new start-up or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract.

### Mandatory Requirement

#### Pass/Fail

To achieve a “Pass” suppliers, must have provided a minimum of one contract from the past three years. The named contact provided must be able to validate that the information provided in response to this question is accurate.

For consortium bids, or where you have indicated that you are relying on an associated person to meet the technical ability, you should provide relevant examples of where the associated person has delivered similar requirements. If this is not possible (e.g. the consortium is newly formed or a special purpose vehicle is to be created for this contract) then three separate examples should be provided between the principal member(s) of the proposed consortium or members of the special purpose vehicle or sub-Suppliers (three examples are not required from each member).

#### OR

To achieve a “Pass” suppliers must have provided an explanation to why you have been unable to provide an example of at least one previous contract as per 16.2, failure to do so will result in a “Fail”.

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

21 January 2026, 12:00am

**Tender submission deadline**

28 January 2026, 3:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

1 April 2026

**Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 December 2029

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Confirmation of Compliance with Specification	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that you will strictly observe and comply with requirements as set out in document PaLS Mid-Tier Schedule 02 (Specification)	Quality
Certificates of Conformance	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Attach a PDF or jpeg image(s) of a Certificate of Conformance (CofC) which clearly displays the information that will be provided for unlicensed Parenteral Nutrition products complies with the requirements set out in "Quality Assurance of Aseptic Preparation Services: Standards Handbook" – currently 5th Edition, published October 2016 and edited by Alison M Beaney. The file should be a zipped folder and named "Name of Tenderer CofC"	Quality
Certificates of Conformance	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Where the PDF or jpeg image(s) of your Certificates of Conformance does not currently display the information stated in "Quality Assurance of Aseptic Preparation Services: Standards Handbook" – currently 5th Edition, published October 2016 and edited by Alison M Beaney. Provide further information and state when you will be in a position to provide the required detail?	Quality

Name	Description	Type
Product Labelling	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Attach a PDF or jpeg image(s) of the labelling that will be provided with unlicensed Products. The file should be a zipped folder and named "Name of Tenderer Label"	Quality
Lipid Content	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that where lipid is required in a patient's prescription provided in a large volume (3,000ml – 4,500ml) bespoke parenteral nutrition bag, it will contain fish oil and a combination of soy bean oil and/or olive oil and/or coconut oil (sometimes termed 3rd generation lipid)?	Quality
Cold Chain	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that where applicable all parenteral nutrition Product will be managed under cold chain conditions when moved from the manufacturing unit to the patient's home (or other designated location)?	Quality
Telephone number(s)	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that free phone land and mobile numbers will be made available to provide help-line support to patients?	Quality
Email	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that all communications regarding patients will be managed with a secure <a href="https://hscni.net">hscni.net</a> or <a href="https://nhs.net">NHS.net</a> email address or transferred in a password protected file in accordance with GDPR legislation	Quality

Name	Description	Type
Contact Details	Pass/Fail Award Criteria - Do you confirm that you will provide contact name(s) and detail(s) relating to the first points of contact required within the PaLS Mid-Tier Schedule 02 (Specification)	Quality
Set-up of a new patient	10% Scored Award Criteria - Provide a detailed project plan showing how you will manage the setting up of a new patient. The project plan must set out the timeline from notification of a new patient to the Supplier on Day 0 and the actions of the Supplier and Buyer, until the patient is at home (or other designated location) and receiving the Home Parenteral Nutrition Service.	Quality
Transfer of patient between Suppliers	5% Scored Award Criteria - Provide a detailed project plan showing how you will manage the transfer of patient between two framework Suppliers. The project plan must set out the timeline from notification of the changeover and the actions required from both Suppliers and the Buyer. The response must deal with two scenarios: a. the Supplier is taking over a patient from another Supplier, and b .the Supplier is handing over a patient to another Supplier.	Quality

Name	Description	Type
Prescription Change	7% Scored Award Criteria - Provide a detailed project plan showing how you will manage a change to an existing patient's prescription. The project plan must set out the timeline from notification by the Buyer (Day 0) of the new prescription to its delivery to the patient. The actions required from both Suppliers and the Buyer must be detailed.	Quality
Non-compliant actions of a patient	4% Scored Award Criteria - Explain how you will manage a situation where it is identified that a patient is not following their home parenteral nutrition instructions/guidance e.g. products are not being used in the correct order (oldest product first), there appears to be an under/over use of ancillaries etc. Note that these examples are not an exhaustive list.	Quality
Business Continuity	11% Scored Award Criteria - Explain your business continuity plan which will be implemented in a situation where there is (a) a potential and (b) an actual disruption to the manufacture and/or delivery of products/ service for the Buyer's patient(s).	Quality

Name	Description	Type
On-going Patient Support	5% Scored Award Criteria - Explain how you will support patients to ensure that they are obtaining the level of care appropriate to their individual needs and their stage within the home parenteral nutrition service. In particular, explain from where and how the support service will be delivered. The response should deal with, but not be limited to, telephone support.	Quality
Continuous Improvement	3% Scored Award Criteria - Set out aspects of service delivery where you believe you can work with the Buyer to a. improve the quality of service provision within the tendered pricing structure; and/or b. provide improved value for money For each identified aspect, explain your rationale setting out the benefits to both you, as Supplier, and the Buyer.	Quality
Social Value	10% Scored Award Criteria - With reference to the Social Value Schedule set out in Schedule 2 – Section 5.49 – Social Value Criteria. , Describe how you will consider and respond to the needs of patients during home visits in the delivery of the contract?	Quality
Price	45% Scored Award Criteria - Suppliers who successfully follow the instructions and attach a completed CP22 Pricing Schedule will receive a total financial score	Price

## Weighting description

Pass/Fail and Scored Award Criteria

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## **Other information**

### **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

PME conducted in 2024 notice ref 2024/S 000-037800

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## **Contracting authority**

## **Belfast Health & Social Care Trust**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLQJ-5727-JCLR

Trust Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Non Clinical Support Building, Royal Victoria Hospital

Belfast

BT12 6BA

United Kingdom

Email: [FinanceProcurement@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:FinanceProcurement@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## **Other organisation**

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

## **Regional Business Services Organisation, Procurement and Logistics Service**

Summary of their role in this procurement: BSO PaLS are both a Contracting authority and tendering on behalf of all other organisations listed

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWNJ-1991-NGDW

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Belfast

BT12 6HU

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

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## Contact organisation

Contact [Regional Business Services Organisation, Procurement and Logistics Service](#) for any enquiries.