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Planning

Community Forensic Services

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-086289

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05fdb4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

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Contact

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United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Community Forensic Services

Reference number

C409857

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This service will provide a specialist forensic mental health offer for adults who require clinical support in the community instead of an inpatient forensic admission. It will operate within the scope of the national secure and specialised mental health service specification which defines community forensic delivery.

The team will deliver multidisciplinary clinical assessment, treatment and risk management for people whose needs require specialist forensic input. It will support diversion from hospital, earlier transition from secure care and sustained stability in the community.

Key components of delivery are:

- Multidisciplinary clinical assessment and interventions
- Support to maintain community placement and avoid admission
- Liaison with secure inpatient services and local criminal justice partners.

This is an intention to follow the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) route under the Provider Selection Regime.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,812,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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.

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR. The intention is to award a contract using the most suitable provider process.

Providers who consider themselves suitable providers must make the authority aware. Providers must make award decision makers aware by midnight on 13th January 2026 via email to Catherine.Swaile@cpft.nhs.uk.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 January 2026

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Award Decision Makers will be:

Commissioning Manager

Senior Care Manager

Secure Transformation Manager

Head of commissioning and contracts

Deputy Managing Director

There were no declared conflicts of interest.