

MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT – MANAGEMENT OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI C13 UREA BREATH TEST SERVICE

Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (ML CSU) on behalf of the Commissioner, Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (LC CCG) would like to invite providers to attend a 'Market Engagement Event' which will inform the market of the Commissioner's intentions to re-tender the provision of the management of H. pylori C13 urea breath test service.

The service has recently been re-commissioned through an Any Qualified Provider (AQP) contract scheme. The Commissioner is considering re-opening the window to allow further entrants to the scheme to enhance the patient choice offer of the service.

The aim of the service is to ensure excellent patient choice across Leicester City for the provision of the 13C Urea breath test, which is the test of choice to detect H. pylori bacteria, by implementing a safe and sustainable service in the community by increasing capacity and capability in primary care and reducing inappropriate referrals to secondary care

The Market Engagement Event will take place on **18th June 2019** from 11:30 – 13:30 and will likely take place in Leicester city centre – details of the venue will be confirmed closer to the date.

The Market Engagement Event will provide:

- an overview of the service to be provided
- details of the anticipated contract type, length and particular conditions
- an overview of the procurement process and the anticipated timelines
- an opportunity for you to ask questions and feedback on the presentations.
- a detailed overview of submitting an offer (tender) through ML CSU's tender portal – Bravo mini-masterclass

Places are strictly limited therefore reservations are restricted to no more than 2 persons per organisation. To reserve your place please email the following details to m.patel16@nhs.net before 14th June 2019:

- Name of delegate
- Job title of delegate
- Organisation details, including address
- Delegate email address and telephone number

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The service will be commissioned via a procurement process, advertised to all providers, which is proportionate to the value and complexity of the service and contract. It should be noted that under the AQP model, there will be no guarantees of volume or payment in the contracts awarded. This contract is available until 31st March 2024.

The tender will be advertised on Contracts Finder, and on MLCSUs' procurement portal, Bravo, which will be utilised for the tender. Therefore, we recommend that you register with both websites in the meantime at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk>
<https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/>.

NOTES

“Light Touch Regime” services

This procurement is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (“Regulations”). Accordingly, the contracting authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The procedure which the contracting authorities are following is set out in the MOI and ITT. As the CCG is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to Cancel

The contracting authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary. The contracting authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the contracting authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency

The contracting authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>

To register on the Bravo portal

1) Register on the portal webpage at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge). (If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register.)

All communications from Bidders (including their Bidder Members) during the period of the Procurement must be directed to MLCSU via the ‘messaging’ area within the ML CSU online procurement portal: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>. Strictly no other forms of communication to MLCSU or the Commissioner will be accepted (including telephone calls, postal queries/submissions, faxes or email communications) during this period.