



Invitation to attend a WebEx Market Engagement Event and a notice for the upcoming opportunity to provide the Open Fetal Surgery to treat fetuses with open spina bifida service

EU Supply Ref – PIN – Quote/tender 34237

Description of the procurement opportunity:

NHS England Specialised Commissioning (The Commissioner) is planning to commission organisations to provide the Open Fetal Surgery to treat fetuses with open spina bifida service for the population of England in the United Kingdom which will be known as Fetal Surgery Centres (FSCs).

This notice is to advise prospective providers of the Commissioner's intention, and opportunities to engage and participate in a dedicated WebEx Market Engagement Event.

NHS England (National) Specialised Commissioning (Highly Specialised Services) will be the contracting and commissioning authority for this service.

The service will provide expert multidisciplinary assessment, counselling, open surgery and post-surgical care to women carrying a fetus which is suspected of having open spina bifida following the 19-week anomaly ultrasound scan which has been undertaken by the local or regional unit. Prior to surgery taking place, the case of each woman carrying a fetus diagnosed with open spina bifida will be discussed at a surgical multidisciplinary discussion which is jointly held between the appointed FSCs.

Aim of service:

The aim of the Open Fetal Surgery to treat fetuses with open spina bifida service is to reduce the morbidity associated with open spina bifida by providing prenatal corrective surgery to appropriately selected women who meet the inclusion criteria.

Objectives of service:

The objectives of the procurement for this service are to:

- Fully implement the service provision as described in the adopted service specification;
- Ensure that appointed FSC have the capacity and capability to provide the service to the required quality and outcomes;
- Provide appropriate access in the UK for women to receive assessment and, where indicated, surgery.

Link to service specification:



The service specification can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/publication/open-fetal-surgery-to-treat-fetuses-with-open-spina-bifida/>

The future opportunity will be advertised and procured on the basis of the current NHS Standard Contract. The service is expected to commence on 1 September 2019. The procurement will be in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations"), Schedule 3 - Social and Other Specific Services".

Market Engagement:

The Commissioner is intending to engage with interested healthcare providers as follows:

- **WebEx Market Engagement Event**

Interested organisations are also invited to attend a market engagement event which will take place on Wednesday 13 February 2019, 13.00 to 14.30 GMT via WebEx.

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBEX MEETING

WebJoin link: <https://www.webjoin.com/>

Participant passcode: **36076639**

The teleconference dial in details are

UK freefone (land line + mobile): **0800 917 1950**

Participant passcode: **36076639 #**

Purpose:

The purpose of the event is to provide information about:

- the Commissioner's intention and vision
- the service and anticipated contract
- procurement process and anticipated timeline

The second part of the event will be interactive and will enable you to ask questions regarding the above and share feedback on the service specification, the process and next steps. This will be supplemented by a procurement session with guidance, tips and cases studies on how to make the best of a tender opportunity.

Engagement target audience:

We are targeting individuals involved in service delivery (clinical experts), organisational management and decision-making (senior managers) and bid writing (procurement managers).

Draft Agenda:

Item	Description	Time
1	Registration	5min
2	Introduction, Welcome, Purpose	5min
3	Overview of Intentions	10min
4.	Service scope	10min
5	Approach to Commissioning and Funding	10 mins
7.	Feedback and questions from participants	20min
8	Guidance and tips on procurement and case studies	30min
9	Final questions and close	5min

Registration:

You can register for the event by completing a short questionnaire on the procurement portal website for EU Supply using the following link <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu> referenced as **Quote/tender 34238**

Closing Date for registration: 12 February 2019 at 5pm Please note that after this deadline the Commissioner cannot guarantee your place at the event.

For any support in registering or submitting your questionnaire please contact using the information below.

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Should you need to contact the EU Supply Helpdesk regarding system operations, details are as follows:

The EU Supply Helpdesk telephone number is 0800 840 2050, during office hours only (08:00 to 17:00).

Emails can be sent to uksupport@eu-supply.com at any time of the day but responses will only be sent between 08:00 and 17:00 weekdays.

The AGCSU EU Supply e-tendering portal is available 24/7.

Note: This is an exercise to register your interest in this market place event, not a formal procurement questionnaire. Registering an interest in attending this market event will not automatically entitle involvement in any future procurement exercise as interested providers will need to respond to the formal call for competition.