**Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Service**

The East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (the Authority) is procuring a framework agreement for the provision of a **Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Service**. The aims and objectives of the Framework Agreement is to provide a Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship agreement between Trusts and Suppliers which includes patient’s pre-operative and post-operative care in primary and secondary care environments. This will be a **national framework**, and as such is open nationally for organisations to join.

The purpose of the PIN is to inform potential suppliers of our intention to procure this service but also to engage suppliers to understand market capability and capacity to deliver the service. This notice is for information only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to not proceed to tender or at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notice or notices or at any other time.

Potential suppliers are asked to take part in a short market engagement questionnaire. The information provided will help to form the way the service specification is designed for the framework agreement. Details of how to access the questionnaire can be found further in the following section of this notice:

**Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Service Key Aims and Objectives**

The overall aim of the East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub Framework Agreement is to provide a Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship agreement between Trusts and Suppliers which includes patient’s pre-operative and post-operative care in primary and secondary care environments.

Currently Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship agreements are made between Trusts and Suppliers and are often not robust or transparent. In some cases, stoma nurse contracts are rolling contracts without a formal review and in some instances, there are no robust key performance indicators to measure performance against.

The total cost to the system for stoma care is not transparent due to free products supplied to Acute Trusts, whilst Clinical Commissioning Groups carry the majority of the cost through prescribing spend. The framework seeks to address some of these issues.

Approximately 84% of hospitals in England have some formal sponsorship arrangement in place, and of the 16% who do not have a formal sponsorship they may have a contract or agreement in place. Informal arrangements may include IT systems contracts, Honorary contracts, Service Level Agreements, admin support.

Stoma Care Nurse sponsorships are arranged as follows:

* CCGs fund stoma service provision across the acute and community settings and this is supplemented by third party stoma supplier sponsorships.
* There are NHS funded Stoma Nurses (acute hospitals and community).
* There are third party supplier sponsorship funded stoma nurses, acute hospitals, and community (the SCNs are employed by the NHS but these posts are partly funded by sponsorships).
* The sourcing and supply of stoma products at acute hospital settings are from third party suppliers.

Therefore, the aim of the Framework Agreement is to provide transparency, clarity, and consistency for Participating Authorities to procure a Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Agreement with a standardised approach within procurement guidelines.

The Stoma Care Nurse services will aim to:

* Deliver a regular reliable Stoma Nurse service with specialist clinical input to deliver a

better quality of life and more independence to patients.

* There must be effective prescribing control through consistent application of prescribing guidance and the authority’s accessory formulary to ensure items issued are cost-effective and quantities supplied in line with patients’ clinical needs.
* There must be an agreed patient pathway in order to reduce complications through

regular interactions with patients to deliver improved clinical care.

* Deliver more accessible community support for patients following discharge to avoid

patients attending A&E and accessing urgent healthcare services due to stoma related

complications.

The Supplier will actively lead a whole-systems approach by working in collaboration with the Participating Authority and the following stakeholders:

* GPs
* Local acute Providers (in relation to shared pathway delivery and multidisciplinary team (MDT) discussions)
* Local community Providers
* Macmillan
* Providers of diagnostic support services
* Statutory and voluntary groups (including patient groups)

Suppliers will need to:

* Be able to provide the service outlined above and as will be further outlined in the service

specification once the procurement is live.

* Commence the service by 1 December 2022 (This date is subject to change and is a target date. It may be earlier or later).
* Let us know if they are interested in bidding for this contract.
* Provide details of their preferred commercial model for this market.
* Confirm that your organisation is already registered on or will arrange for registration on Atamis <https://atamis.cloudforce.com/>
* Confirm the names of any other Framework Agreements you are on that are similar to Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Service

This framework agreement is for East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (EoECPH) Members. EoECPH Members are subject to change throughout the life of the Framework Agreement. Associate membership is available to any publicly funded entities (not already a full or pharmacy EoECPH member) who sign the framework customer access agreement.

If you would like to express an interest in this opportunity, please complete the attached expression of interest questionnaire form and return it to me at [pharmacy@eoecph.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacy@eoecph.nhs.uk) by no later than 12:00 Midday 24 August 2022. Kindly add the following to the email subject box: **Stoma Care Nurse Sponsorship Service EOI.**