

National Rehabilitation Centre Rehabilitation Flats- Innovation

The National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) is the first of its kind in the UK and will aim to deliver the specific and sophisticated rehabilitation people need to help them transition back to their normal lives after the setback of serious injury or illness – for example a road traffic accident, sporting injury or spinal trauma. It should be viewed as a flagship project providing technological advances and transformation of NHS rehabilitation services. It will have the facilities to treat patients and also train and educate significant numbers of staff in this field and integrate research and innovation in rehabilitation to provide new practical solutions for patients.

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The NRC wants to provide state of the art rehabilitation flats within in the NRC, with the underpinning goal of the project being the assimilation of patients to life after discharge. The rehabilitation flats need to be a domestic environment where patients can live independently prior to discharge but they also provide an opportunity to showcase and trial equipment patients may be able to access in the community. These flats will provide patients and their families an opportunity to live in a domestic setting whilst in the safety net of the centre, aiding confidence and the transition between the NRC and discharge home. The NRC are looking to install domestic modifications of sanitary wear and living aids such as wet rooms, shower aids and hoists to make activities of daily living easier for patients following severe injury or illness.

The purpose of the pre-market engagement is to gain an understanding of equipment which is suitable for the rehabilitation flats. The NRC are looking for donations from suppliers to modify the flat spaces available. In return, the NRC could offer benefits such as advertising and sponsorship opportunities, ability to demonstrate products on site to potential customers and product trial days for patients. .

We intend to engage in open discussion with service providers on a variety of subjects pertaining to the rehabilitation flats. At this stage, any information gathered through this market engagement exercise may inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any supplier participating in any potential procurement process, nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any provider at an advantage or disadvantage in any forthcoming procurement process.

For further discussion, interested suppliers must complete and submit responses using the e-Tendering Portal. Suppliers should ensure that they allow plenty of time to upload the responses, particularly where there are large documents. If Bidders have any problems with the e-Tendering Portal, they should contact the helpdesk on 0800 9956035 or by sending an email to support-health@atamis.co.uk .The helpline is open Monday to Friday between 8 am and 6 pm excluding

public and bank holidays. As noted above, any responses received after the deadline may not be considered.