

NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM CSU) on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and the following four Integrated Care Boards (ICB) across the East Midlands

1. NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB
2. NHS Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland ICB
3. NHS Lincolnshire ICB
4. NHS Northamptonshire ICB

wish to inform the market of a future procurement opportunity for 17 Intermediate Minor Oral Surgery (IMOS) including treatment under Conscious Sedation contracts across the East Midlands region.

Please note, from 1st April 2023, the five Integrated Care Boards across the East Midlands region have been delegated with the commissioning and contracting of dental services. The anticipated contract duration is for 7 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years (total contract duration 10 years). A Personal Dental Services (PDS) agreement will be established with the successful bidder(s).

The Commissioners would like to invite potential Bidders to a Market Engagement Webinar taking place on 07th December 2023 at 14:00 via MS Teams. The event will cover the service specification and procurement process.

If your organisation is interested in attending this event, then please register your interest in attending this webinar by 5.00pm on Monday 04th December 2023 by following the instructions given in the additional information section below.

Following a number of factors outlined in Health Needs Assessments, Service Review, market engagement and wider stakeholders, public/patients engagement/consultation feedback etc, the lotting strategy is as follows: -

- Lot 1: - Derby West
- Lot 2: - Derby East
- Lot 3: - Chesterfield
- Lot 4:- Alfreton
- Lot 5: - Nottingham West
- Lot 6: - Nottingham East
- Lot 7: - Mansfield
- Lot 8: - Worksop
- Lot 9: - Leicester North West
- Lot 10: - Leicester East
- Lot 11: - Leicester South
- Lot 12: - Coalville
- Lot 13:- Lincoln
- Lot 14: - Spalding
- Lot 15: - Skegness
- Lot 16: - Northampton
- Lot 17: - Corby

The Commissioners would like to appoint service provider(s) for providing high quality Level 2 Intermediate Minor Oral Surgery (IMOS) including treatment under Conscious Sedation across the East Midlands. Intermediate Minor Oral Surgery is a referral service for people over the age of 16 years and is provided within a community setting.

The service will provide specialist treatment e.g. complex dental extractions by a clinician

with enhanced skills and experience that is either on the oral surgery specialist list or accredited in line with national guidance. Treatment may be provided under local anaesthetic and the clinician may use quality behavioural management techniques or provide treatment under conscious sedation where appropriate for minor oral surgery procedures.

The service objectives are to:

- ensure that equitable, accessible, cost effective, high quality IMOS Surgery including treatment under Conscious Sedation is available to the public within each STP/ICS
- increase the availability and accessibility of the primary care based IMOS Services to those patients who require sedation to support them to receive a minor oral surgical procedure locally
- reduce the number of patients receiving minor oral surgical procedures under general anaesthesia
- to deliver clinical services based on best available evidence and will work to relevant clinical guidelines published by professional bodies, incorporating relevant best-practice principles
- to have appropriately registered, qualified, trained, accredited and experienced professionals to ensure that the complexity of the patient or procedure matches the skills and setting of the individual or team providing the treatment
- to deliver safe, high quality, patient centred oral surgery services from primary care settings by named Performers
- to ensure that patients who most need the services are able to be referred to a local provider.

This is purely an early engagement exercise and does not commit the commissioners to carry out a procurement process. Any subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published. Current services will remain in place during this period in line with existing contracts and service level agreements. The procurement will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate procurement legislation in place at that time.

The Contracting Authority will be using an e-Tendering system for this market engagement webinar. To express an interest and register for the Market Engagement Webinar go to the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering portal at the following link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/?SearchType=Projects>

and register your interest.

You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C226867 - EOI - Intermediate Minor Oral Surgery (IMOS) Conscious Sedation - East Midlands

Once registered please complete the questions which asks providers to give details about your organisation and confirmation of who will be dialling into the market engagement webinars.

Webinar details will only be sent to those organisations who have completed the questionnaire to confirm their attendance. Please note the deadline for responses and to register your interest for the Market Engagement Webinar is by Monday 04th December 2023 at 17:00pm.