**Market Engagement Questionnaire - Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF)**

NHS Merton and Wandsworth CCG wish to undertake a market engagement exercise to help inform their contracting approach for a potential future Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF). The CCGs would welcome interested providers responding to the questions set out below, having read the Memorandum of Information and draft Service Specification provided, which may further develop following this engagement phase.

**Disclaimers**

Organisations considering whether to respond to this information request should note the following:

* NHS Merton and Wandsworth CCG (the Commissioner) are still finalising their decision in regard to a potential Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF) Service and are undertaking market engagement in order to seek the views and opinions of those organisations that may be interested in helping to deliver the services if the CCG decide to procure it;
* This Market Engagement Questionnaire (MEQ), and any subsequent information provided in response to it, does **not** form an integral part of any potential future procurement exercise and should therefore be considered as an attempt by the Commissioners to engage with the potential market for delivering services;
* This MEQ, the accompanying draft documentation and the responses received arising from it are in no way legally binding on any party;
* Participation in the engagement exercise is not a mandatory requirement for participating in any potential future procurement; however, responses received will assist to inform the Commissioner as to the level of interest from the market and will be used to evidence a decision as to whether or not to undertake a competitive procurement;
* Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to this market engagement exercise and a response to this notice does not guarantee any invitation to participate in any future public procurement process that the Commissioning Authority may conduct;
* Any responses provided will **not** be treated as commercially confidential and may be used by NHS Merton and Wandsworth CCG in the final service specifications used for the contracts and / or to influence the shape of the procurement in the future; however no responses will be attributed to any organisation nor will any organisation be individually identified.

You are invited to express your potential interest to provide future Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF) by responding to the following questions as much as you are able and willing.

Thank you.

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| 1. **What range of services have you recently or currently provided which have a relation to the Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF) currently being developed by the CCG? What would be the reason for your interest in delivering these services? Would you describe your interest as high/med/low and what if anything might impact this level of interest (in either direction)?**
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| 1. **The CCGs will need the provider(s) to have an appropriate clinical IT system in-place for recording patient health data? Do you have this already? If so, please share details and please comment on how you see this can share patient data with General Practitioners? Are there issues that will need to be considered?**
* **Do you have N3 or HSCN connectivity currently?**
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| 1. **What volume of activity do you typically see under Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF) per annum?**
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| 1. **Looking at the tariff being proposed by the CCG for this new service, please comment on how reasonable and acceptable you consider this to be. Supporting comments to explain would be really helpful and appreciated.**

**Additionally, there may need to be a cap on overall activity and we would welcome your confirmation or otherwise that this will be a necessary demand and budgetary control measure?**  |
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| 1. **Your feedback in regard to the draft service specification would be really helpful to have? Do you consider the specification of requirements to be reasonable? Sufficient? Achievable? Clear? Please explain your feedback as appropriate.**
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| 1. **In the search for value for money and efficiencies (whether financial, or processes, or pathways…), do you have suggestions as to further areas the CCG should consider it they develop an Assisted Conception Service (In Vitro Fertilization - IVF)**
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| 1. **If the CCG award a contract for this service, what would you consider to be a reasonable mobilisation** / **implementation duration? What if any, do you think may be the most challenging issues to address and manage to put the new service into place? (including perhaps, e.g. IM&T, workforce, premises, protocols, etc**.).
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| 1. **If you are an existing AQP provider, would you be willing to change your agreement to the new specification and tariff?**
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| 1. **Would you be happy for the CCGs to contact you to discuss your responses further? (Yes/No)**
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| 1. **Please detail any other comments or queries you have about this opportunity.**
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| 1. **Do you have any reason to think you may be risking a conflict of interest when applying for this service?**
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**Please submit your responses to the questions by 12 noon on 4th January 2019. Responses should be sent by email to:** ekkehard\_kugler@nhs.net.