

Opportunity Notice for End of Life Nursing Home Primary Providers Procurement in Worcestershire

This is a call for competition. NHS Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (ML CSU) on behalf of NHS Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS WCCGs); South Worcestershire CCG, Wyre Forest CCG and Redditch & Bromsgrove CCG are commissioning an End of life (EOL) service in Designated Nursing Homes in Worcestershire

The Commissioners wish to receive responses to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) from suitably qualified and experienced Providers with the necessary capacity and capability (or a demonstrable ability to provide the necessary capacity and capability) to provide the range of services required.

The aim of the service is to provide personalised care, delegated by a Registered Nurse supported by wider Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and palliative care services as appropriate, responding to the need of the patient and family members.

The objectives and expected outcomes are:

- Provide consistent high-quality end of life care to patients and family members, by staff that have received end of life care training.
- Enable patients at end of life to be cared for in a nursing home if that is their preferred place of care until the end of their life.
- Prevent avoidable admissions and readmissions to acute hospital care and to ensure good communication and a shared understanding of the patient's needs and care amongst health care practitioners.
- Enable rapid (same day) discharge from the acute hospitals for patients at the end of life
- Support integrated teams by providing rapidly accessible care to patients at the end of life for patients cared for in a community setting.
- Remove the current requirement for families to locate and view a Nursing home of their choice.
- To deliver placements that is efficient, reliable and cost effective.

The Contract shall be for a term of two (2) years from the Service start date with the possibility of extending the term by another 12 months beyond the initial contracted term at Commissioners' request. The anticipated contract start date is 1st of May 2020.

The service will be commissioned via an open procurement process advertised to all providers which is proportionate to the value and complexity of the service and contract.

The ITT will be live on the 8th January 2020 on M&L CSU Bravo portal (see below) and it will have a deadline for submissions of 13:00 on the 10th February 2020.

Clarifications may be asked during the procurement process up to a week before the ITT deadline, i.e. the deadline for submitting clarification questions on the tender is 17:00 5th February 2020.

Interested providers are guided to the MLCSU eProcurement portal Bravo at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> to register their interest and gain access to this procurement's documents and more specific information. Please see next page for instructions on how to register on the portal.

(to register on the ML CSU Bravo portal please see instructions on the following page).

NOTES

“Light Touch Regime” services

This procurement is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (“Regulations”). Accordingly, the contracting authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The procedure which the contracting authorities are following is set out in the MOI and ITT. As the CCG is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to Cancel

The contracting authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary. The contracting authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the contracting authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency

The contracting authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>

To register on the Bravo portal

If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register.

- 1) Register on the portal webpage at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge).
- 2) Once registered, candidates must Express their Interest by:
 - a) logging into the ML CSU eTendering Bravo portal
 - b) selecting response to ITT_715,
 - c) select Open Access ITT_715,
 - d) search for and access listing related to this contract and view details,
 - e) click on Express Interest link.

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3) Once you have expressed your interest, please access the My ITTs page, where you can view all the documentation (and download if required) and construct your reply in the bravo online questionnaire, as instructed. The deadline will be detailed in the tender documentation.

For technical support in submitting your Expression of Interest or registering on the 'Bravo Solution' Electronic Sourcing system please contact the Bravo Solution helpdesk via Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: help@bravosolution.co.uk

All communications from Bidders (including their Bidder Members) during the period of the Procurement must be directed to MLCSU via the 'messaging' area within the ML CSU online procurement portal: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>. Strictly no other forms of communication to MLCSU or the Commissioner will be accepted (including telephone calls, postal queries/submissions, faxes or email communications) during this period.