

NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM CSU) on behalf of Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (LC CCG) are seeking suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver the Open Mind (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies and Primary Care Mental Health Facilitators Services) in Leicester City.

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme aims to increase the availability of National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommended psychological treatments for depression and anxiety disorders within NHS commissioned services in England. IAPT offers a realistic and routine first-line treatment, combined where appropriate with medication. Delivery of IAPT is fundamental to the successful implementation of the national mental health strategy, *No health without mental health*.¹ This strategy, aims to:

- Improve the mental health and wellbeing of the population and keep people well.
- Improve outcomes for people with mental health problems through high-quality services that are equally accessible to all.

In addition, The Primary Care Mental Health Facilitator service supports implementation and success of the national mental health strategy, *No health without mental health*,¹ which aims to:

- Improve the mental health and wellbeing of the population and keep people well
- Improve outcomes for people with mental health problems through high-quality services that are equally accessible to all.

It is the intention of LC CCG to enter into 1 contract for this service. However, consortium / partnership proposals for the 5+2 year contract would be welcomed and considered.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation will be available from 15/06/15 and should be completed and all bids submitted by the closing date of **5pm on 10/08/15**.

All submissions will be evaluated using the scoring criteria which is contained within the ITT - Document 1.

Clarifications may be asked during the procurement process, the deadline for clarification questions is 5pm on 03/08/15.

All correspondence relating to this procurement throughout all stages of the process must be managed through the Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM CSU) eTendering Procurement Portal bravosolutions only.

Providers wishing to submit an ITT to deliver this service can do so by logging onto AGEM CSUs procurement portal (Bravo) as soon as possible at:

<https://gemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

To register on the portal:

- »From the portal Home Page, click the 'Click Here to Register' link
- »Accept the terms & conditions for using the portal
- »Complete your organisation & personal details
- »Choose a memorable username and submit
- »You will shortly be sent an email with your unique password, please treat this securely (if you lose it there is a 'Forgot my Password' link on the portal homepage)

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/213761/dh_124058.pdf

To Access the portal:

- »Login with your unique username & password
- »From the suppliers reserved area click 'ITTs Open to All Suppliers' –this is a repository of all ITT's open to any registered supplier.
- »Browse the ITTs (there may be more than one page) and select “**Open Mind (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies and Primary Care Mental Health Facilitators Services) - Leicester City CCG**” by clicking on it
- »Note the Details buttons on the left for Navigation and the Actions below
- »Click the 'Express Interest' action –this will move the ITT from the ITTs Open to All Suppliers area to your 'My ITTs' area –this is a reserved area for ITTs that you have either been invited to or expressed interest in.

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