**Short Term Care Home Nursing Care for East Berkshire CCG**

**Description**

East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (“the CCG”) is seeking bids from suitably qualified providers for the provision of CQC registered care home nursing care for patients in East Berkshire. The service should be easily accessible from Slough, Maidenhead, Windsor and Bracknell.

The successful provider will need to work with the CCG, local acute providers, social care partners and wider care teams (including the voluntary sector) to provide care and support for individuals; including those with dementia and those who require 24 hour overview by a Registered Nurse during their admission which may include the provision of rehabilitation, reablement or maintenance programmes (e.g. for people who are unable to weight bear for extended periods) and / or a multi-agency assessment (including screening and assessment for NHS continuing Healthcare Funding).

A main function of the Provider will be to carry out prescribed Physio / OT interventions as per an individualised therapy plan, and to host and participate in the weekly multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings.The CCG is looking to provide a positive and responsive 'can do' Care with Nursing service which operates as part of a continuum of services that seeks out and promotes the needs of the individual to support the:

* Maximisation of wellbeing
* Maximisation of individual choice and control
* Maximisation of independence and functioning
* Minimisation of intervention

Supporting the acute hospital and wider system to:

* Operate effectively and efficiently, in the best interests of the individual and the wider system; representing value for money for residents of East Berkshire

by:

* Receiving individuals into the home under ‘Trusted Assessor' arrangements.
* Providing the individual who is identified as requiring further assessment and /or multi agency intervention (both in the community and in hospital) with timely access to a care home bed
* Working as part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team / multi agency providing comprehensive assessment, intervention, support and nursing care as required.
* Promoting independence and improving outcomes for individuals recovering from illness, injury or trauma by providing individualised assessment (encompassing the person’s physical, medical, social and psychological needs), treatment and periods of reablement or recuperation to enable them re-gain sufficient physical functioning and confidence to return safely to their own home wherever possible, respecting the individual's wishes and preferences
* Providing holistic care that facilitates the individual to identify their personal and potential, achievable goals which supports them in reaching their optimum level of independence and with planning their future lives
* Ensuring that all staff are trained in and proactively promote the individual's independence, supporting reablement approaches and delivering agreed plans between visits from the community teams
* Involving the individual, their families and carers as appropriate at all stages of the individuals care planning so they retain control of their own lifestyle as far as possible
* Helping to reduce possible dependency on carers/family or care packages; provide support and education to carers and families in relation to care delivery
* Providing appropriate help, advice and support for carers and ensuring that the individual's carers and family are supported with any carer issues identified either through resolution or escalation to appropriate parties (with the appropriate permissions) to support resolution
* Identifying, assessing, making recommendations and taking actions with regards to areas of risk
* Preventing unnecessary hospital admission to acute settings from appropriate hospital departments (e.g. A&E, Ambulatory Care) and from the community
* Preventing premature admission into long-term care provision
* Facilitating hospital discharge over the 7 Day period; providing a flexible approach to accepting individuals
* Maximising opportunities in relation to same day attendance within the acute hospital where further consultant opinion or investigations are required e.g. accessing a facility or ambulatory care unit (the provider is required to actively manage same day attendance and accept the individual returning back into the unit on the same day of attendance
* Providing effective, high quality, clinical management for individuals, contributing to the multi­ agency assessment, supporting and assisting the person to meet identified re-ablement promotion of independence goals within a maximum period of six weeks Working with colleagues from the NHS and Social Care in producing agreed operational guidance in relation to individuals requiring step up or step down care and intervention.
* Supporting onward transfer of care where required, improving standards of care and the individual's experience.

The contract will be for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend for one further one year period and will be based on the “purchase” of six beds per annum on a block basis. It will also include an option to “purchase” additional beds on an ad-hoc basis where required, estimated at 25 patients per annum on an average three week stay up to a maximum of six weeks.

Further information regarding this process - including a copy of the Invitation to Tender - can be found on our e-procurement portal: (In-tend - <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/aspx/Home>) in the "Bidder Instructions – Short Term Care Home Nursing Care" document under the relevant project. Please note that this service is a healthcare service within the meaning and scope of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No.2) Regulations 2013 and as such is governed by these regulations and the "light touch" regime under the UK Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The CCG will not be bound by any regulations beyond those which explicitly apply to procurements for such services and any references to processes or procedures (e.g. "the open procedure") should not be taken to mean the CCG intends to be held to any beyond those stated above.