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## **Prior Information Notice: Lancashire and Merseyside Prisons Primary Care Medical Services**

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Health and Justice Business Unit provides an integrated healthcare service for people in contact with the criminal justice system as one of the business units within our Specialist Services Network. Within our prison healthcare centres we provide access to a range of primary healthcare services akin to health centres within the community i.e. GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Registered General Nurses, Dentists, Podiatrists, Optometrist, Physiotherapists, and Clinical Pharmacist staff. We also provide access to an integrated mental health service. Assessment is undertaken at reception into prison and service users are triaged, for treatment by the most appropriate practitioner. Long term conditions are proactively managed in partnership with the service user. In 2013/14 we carried out 6670 new reception assessments in our Lancashire prisons. The 2014 Needs Assessment identified 6,033 new reception assessments combined for Merseyside prisons HMPs Liverpool and Kenet. In addition North West Intermediate Health Care Beds (30 beds) are provided for at HMP Preston and 28 beds at HMP Liverpool.

As part of our current contract with NHS England we deliver prison healthcare services at:

### **Lancashire Prisons**

- HMP Preston (Category B capacity 850 of which a variable percentage are remand prisoners),
- HMP Garth (Category B, capacity 847),
- HMP Kirkham (Category D, capacity 634),
- HMP Wymott (Category C, Elderly & Vulnerable Prisons, capacity 1110),
- HMP Lancaster Farms (Category C, capacity 549 Adult Resettlement Prison).

### **Merseyside Prisons**

- HMP Liverpool (Category B current operational capacity 1232 maximum capacity 1443)
- HMP Kenet (Category C prison, capacity 342 with a small number of category D prisoners also).

To support our transformational healthcare model underpinned by best practice clinical care and medicine management we are seeking an effective, efficient, responsive primary care medical service provider/s to work as members of the multi-disciplinary teams within our prisons. You will be required to provide high standards of clinical care and excellent patient outcomes within a quality improvement value for money healthcare environment which is safety and security conscious; working in partnership with the wider healthcare team, prison governors/staff and commissioners.

In total 30 indicative GP sessions are required for Lancashire prisons and 35 GP sessions in total for Merseyside prisons which will be advertised as two or more Lots under a competitive procurement process. The indicative value of the contracts for primary care medical services are £410,000 for Lancashire prisons in total per annum and £540,000 for Merseyside prisons in total per annum.



Following an OJEU competitive procurement process advertised in June 2014 by NHS England as part of phase 2, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust (LCFT) were selected as the preferred provider for HMP Liverpool and HMP Kennet providing prison health and social care. The 5 year contract commenced 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 with NHS England having an option to extend for a further 2 years. LCFT are therefore the incumbent lead provider at HMPs Liverpool and Kennet, providing physical health, mental health, substance misuse services in partnership with Lifeline, however we are now seeking to appoint a primary care medical services provider as a sub-contractor to support the delivery of this contract until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

Lancashire's five prisons are deemed to be phase 4 of the same competitive procurement process. It is LCFTs understanding that it is now commissioners intentions to go out to tender in 2016/17, for a prison healthcare provider with a contract start 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 for 5 years (with the option to extend for a further 2 years). This supersedes our original understanding that commissioners would go out to tender in Oct 15 with a contract start 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 as outlined originally in the NHS England OJEU PIN Notice (June 2014). We are therefore seeking to appoint sub-contractor primary care medical services provider/s until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, with a view to partnering with us to bid for the 5 year NHS England prison healthcare contract which is due to be advertised in 2016/17 as described above.

#### **PIN Notice – EU Supply Reference Number 21424**

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is publishing this Prior Information Notice to gain a better understanding of the market and the service provisions available. Please note that an expression of interest in delivering prison primary care medical services is not a tender response. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the tender process nor does it infer any special status on those providers who do submit an interest.

Providers who do not express an interest at this stage will still be able to apply in the future. All responses will be treated in confidence. This Prior Information Notice does not commit Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to undertake the procurement of this service and Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has the right, at this stage, to withdraw the notice.

Bidders wishing to express an interest in this process should do so by **5pm Monday 24th August 2015** by registering on the NHS SBS E-tendering EU Supply portal at the following address <https://nhssbs.eu-supply.com> to review the PIN notice.

It is anticipated the contract notice and relevant tender documents will be published and will be available via the NHS SBS E-Tendering EU-Supply portal in September 2015.