**Assessment and Treatment of Adults with Suspected Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**

**Background Information:**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) currently provides an assessment and treatment service for adults with suspected ADHD. The ADHD pathway is currently delivered by Consultant Psychiatrists and Advanced Nurse Practitioners who can assess and diagnose for ADHD. Prescription and titration of medication is supported by non-medical prescribers, who also form part of the ADHD team.

Patients are assessed using the DIVA assessment tool. Assessment appointments are currently conducted remotely using telephone or video consultations and are around 2 hours in duration.

Following the assessment, patients receiving a diagnosis of ADHD are offered the option of commencing on prescribed medication. The treatment pathway comprises 7-8 follow up telephone appointments, to review patients and titrate their medication to the appropriate level.

Patients are then discharged back to their GP under shared care arrangements for on-going medication management.

**Service Required:**

* Due to increasing demand, LPT is exploring options to appoint a partner organisation to work alongside our ADHD service to reduce the backlog of patients waiting for assessment and treatment.
* Potential partners would ideally be required to satisfy the following criteria:
  + Deliver ADHD assessment and treatment in accordance with the pathway described above via telephone or video sessions.
  + Support LPT for 1 – 2 years and have capacity to deliver approx. 800 clinical assessments and 320 treatment episodes within that time
  + Mobilise a service within 3 months of contract award, ideally within the 20/21 financial year.
  + Hold appropriate registration with the CQC to undertake the healthcare activities as described.
  + Have completed and met the standards within the NHS Data Security and Protection toolkit and be registered with the ICO.
  + Practitioners have experience in the diagnosis and treatment (medication management) of ADHD, are likely to have completed the UKAAN training in assessment and diagnosis of ADHD and hold a relevant qualification enabling them to prescribe and monitor pharmacological interventions independently.
  + Practitioners would be required to update the patient’s electronic record and also use the Trust’s electronic prescribing system.