

OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (ML CSU) on behalf of the Commissioners NHS Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), West Leicestershire CCG, East Leicestershire & Rutland CCG and NHS England is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver the provision of a Wheelchairs, Orthotics and Prosthetics service in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR).

LLR CCGs and NHS England are looking for a provider to deliver an integrated service comprising of the three elements described in the three separate service specifications, from a main base and wider locations to be agreed as part of tender. The provider will be expected to:

ORTHOTICS

- maximise independence and improve the quality of life for service users and their carers, through timely access to appropriate assessment, provision and maintenance of equipment.
- respond to changes in service users' health conditions through regular review and deliver a service that Service Users perceive to be a good experience.

WHEELCHAIR & POSTURE

- maximise the mobility and independence and improve the quality of life for service users and their carers, through timely access to appropriate assessment, provision and maintenance of equipment.
- respond to changes in service users' health conditions through regular review and deliver a service that Service Users perceive to be a good experience.

PROSTHETICS

- maximise the mobility, independence and quality of life of the individual, working in collaboration with the patient as equal partners.
- provision of prostheses (artificial limbs) through a dedicated and specialised multidisciplinary team
- empower patients and provide them with information about their condition(s) and offer individual choice(s) about where, how and by whom they are to be treated and allow for a collaboratively agreed prescription(s) to be provided.
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Please see service specifications for further detail.

The CCG is intending to award two contracts as described below:

- Contract 1 – Wheelchairs and Orthotics elements (LLR CCG's). The contract term will be for 5 years, plus an optional extension of a further 2 years.
- Contract 2 – Prosthetics element (NHS England). The contract term will be for 3 years, plus an optional extension of a further 2 years. The proposed value of the contract is approximately £2,290,803 (excluding VAT) for the 3-year contract term.

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 14th December 2017 on M&L CSU Bravo portal (see below) and it will have a deadline for submissions of 17:00 on the 22nd January 2018.

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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 15th January 2018. 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 and page 3 for notes on the process.

Please note that the amount on this advert is only for part of the service (prosthetics), see tender documents for more information.

To register on the 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 are 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,
- c) select Open Access ITT,
- d) search for and access listing related to this contract (search for reference number itt_530) and view details,
- e) click on Express Interest link.

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 supported. You must Express your interest by registering on the Bravo Solution eProcurement 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.

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

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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>