**Learning Disability and /or Autism Inpatient Beds and Crisis Admission Prevention Expression of Interest**

**Commissioner Requirements**

The Lancashire and South Cumbria Transforming Care Partnership\* seek to understand market interest in the provision of inpatient beds and crisis admission prevention services for people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism within the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint.

There is currently no specialist provision of inpatient beds for people with a learning disability and/or autism within the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint. People that require this specialised, inpatient support are placed in out of area services.

It is a requirement of commissioners that the bed model is delivered in Lancashire and South Cumbria and in line with national guidance and to the national NHS service specification for such beds and for our area, the modelling suggests a requirement for 14 assessment and treatment and 10 rehabilitation places. (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/model-service-spec-2017.pdf>). A recent bid for capital to support the model was unsuccessful therefore the commissioners are seeking to understand the market interest in both the provision of a service and estate.

Commissioners will require an indication of cost and of mobilisation timeframes.

**Brief Description of Service**

**Learning Disability Inpatient Beds**

The Transforming Care Programme (TCP) is a national Learning Disability programme aimed at improving the health and care of people with a learning disability and / or autism across England. It has been jointly commissioned by NHS England (NHSE), the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

The Lancashire & South Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Groups are working in partnership with Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council, Cumbria County Council and Blackpool Council.

National planning assumptions set out in ‘*Building the Right Support’* state that no area should need more inpatient capacity than is necessary at any one time. In line with this guidance Lancashire and South Cumbria require 24 places within the footprint boundaries to ensure service users can be offered the right support locally.

Commissioners have been advised by North West Learning Disability & Autism Operational Delivery Network in the development of the service model to ensure an optimum model is achieved based on local need, clinical best practice and in line with the national inpatient specification guidance.

The model for Lancashire and South Cumbria therefore consists of a total of 14 Assessment and Treatment and 10 Rehabilitation places with an opportunity to flex between these in-line with patient need. The expected length of stay for assessment and treatment will be an average of 12 to 16 weeks and for rehabilitation no more than 12 months. Providers will be expected to deliver an effective therapeutic environment to meet these average lengths of stay and to not penalise commissioners where stays exceed these averages.

Commissioners are seeking provision of these places with immediate effect, although it is expected that there could be a phased service mobilisation offer with the number of places increasing to 24 over the first 9 – 12 months.

Commissioners are open to considering a range of different provider structures and models that could be put in place to deliver these services. A consortium approach or other collaborative arrangements should certainly be considered by potential providers. Commissioners will consider providers who are interested in estate only and service only offers however all providers should have experience of this type of service and in particular working with and delivering services for people with a learning disability and or autism.

**Crisis admission prevention services**

Commissioners are keen to understand the market appetite for the provision of crisis admission prevention services for people with a learning disability and/ or autism recognising that effective home support services and the use of crisis places can prevent admission to hospital services. The NHS currently commissions and provides a specialist support service which works with a small cohort of very complex people who have a learning disability and / or autism and we are not seeking to replicate that service.

Crisis support services should in-reach in to people’s homes including working with and alongside incumbent support providers and families and potentially offer a small number of crisis places which are not hospital registered and would offer very short-term places away from a person’s usual home, to support crisis management. The purpose of these interventions would in all instances be to prevent admission to hospital, provide an effective therapeutic service to support crisis management and including offering training and advice to social care providers/ carers/ family members to support behaviour and maintain someone at home.

**Expression of Interest Process**

For both services the purpose of this Expression of Interest process is:

* To stimulate interest in the opportunities from potential providers and inform how the commissioners intend to proceed
* To understand potential providers relevant experience and capacity and capability to deliver the scope of these requirements
* To ascertain if any potential providers have current access to appropriate estates or could realistically provide suitable estate and within what timescales.

**Expression of Interest Process**

**Contact Details**

All communication for this Expression of Interest should be directed to James Aldred, (CSU lead) via the following email address;

mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net

**Timescales**

The outline timescales for the Expression Of Interest are as follows;

Date of posting the Expression Of Interest to Contracts Finder: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Information Event: A Skype Event will be held on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2.00pm

Deadline to formally submit written expressions of interest: Wednesday 23rd January 2019 11am

**Procurement Intentions**

The commissioners will use the information from the Expression Of Interest to inform any future decisions in relation to commissioning these services. If a tender process is conducted this will be through the Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) e-sourcing portal and full details of how to access the tender will be provided to interested potential providers.

**Expressing interest in the tender opportunity**

All potential providers are encouraged to read the questions in Appendix A and to provide written feedback as directed to MLCSU.

To express an interest in the tender opportunity please complete Appendix A and return to James Aldred, (CSU lead) via the email address MLCSU.tenders@nhs.net providing the details of your provider’s name, address, telephone and email contact details and feedback to the questions within the stated timescales.

In the event that the commissioners proceed to an Invitation to Tender stage all providers who expressed interest in the tender will be invited into the procurement process which will be conducted through MLCSU’s e-sourcing portal https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk

However, it is not a mandatory requirement for interested providers to submit a response to the Expression Of Interest to be considered for this opportunity.

**Provider engagement**

As part of the Expression Of Interest process we encourage providers to engage with the commissioners and MLCSU by attending the Information Event and to provide written feedback on the proposed requirements by submitting an Expression Of Interest.

Providers are asked to email (via the contact details above) to confirm if they will be joining the Skype Call, on receipt of the email joining instructions will be issued to you. As part of the Skype Call there will be opportunity to ask questions, however it is requested that if providers have any questions to raise in advance please send them in your email to confirm your attendance and these will be answered during the call.

The commissioners reserve the right to conduct further face to face or telephone meetings with all potential providers to discover how they can provide additional value to delivering this service.

**Appendix A Expression of Interest response questions**

**Expression Of Interest questions**

Providers are requested to provide a response to the attached questions.

**Contact details**

The provider shall complete the attached contact details

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| Provider address |  |
| Provider contact |  |
| Provider contact role in organisation |  |
| Contact email address |  |
| Contact telephone number |  |

**Organisation experience**

**Learning Disability Inpatient Beds**

Please provide details of your organisations relevant experience, with evidence of your capacity and capability to deliver the service described in this Expression Of Interest in your response please make specific reference to;

1. Please confirm whether you would consider the provision of the estate or the services or for both
2. Pease confirm whether you have any existing estates that are appropriate to deliver this service from **within Lancashire and South Cumbria** and if not what realistic plans would you put in place to ensure that appropriate estates are available?
3. Please confirm if estate is not currently available when and how such estate might be provided including a realistic timeframe.
4. Please confirm the minimum number of years you would be prepared to consider delivering a service over.
5. How would you ensure that you have a trained workforce ready to deliver this service and from what date this workforce will be available?
6. Do you intend to subcontract any element of this service and if so to whom?
7. Who do you think the key partners are for this service and how would you make the links and build relationships with key partners to deliver this service?

Please limit your response to no more than 2 pages Ariel font size 12.

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| **Provider response** |
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**Crisis/In Reach Service**

Please provide details of your organisations relevant experience, with evidence of your capacity and capability to deliver the service described in this Expression of Interest. In your response please:

1. Confirm what experience you have of providing services of this nature on an in reach basis.
2. Confirm whether your model would provide very short stay places and if so whether you have any existing estates appropriate to deliver this service **within Lancashire and South Cumbria,** and if not what realistic plans would you put in place to ensure that appropriate estates is available and from what dates?
3. Noting that the NHS standard contract is up to 3 years please confirm the minimum length of contract you would anticipate.
4. How would you ensure that you have a trained workforce ready to deliver this service and from when might this service be mobilised?
5. Do you intend to sub contract any element of this service and if so to whom?
6. How would you make the links and build relationships with key partners to deliver this service?

Please limit your response to no more than 2 pages Ariel font size 12.

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