**PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

**2017-2019 Contract Awards for Prescribed Specialised Services**

**PROACTIS Reference - NECSPrTe1000051**

In 2016/17 NHS England set out our approach to ensure that prescribed specialised services are commissioned from the most capable providers through a rolling Strategic Service Review Programme with priorities published in commissioning intentions.

From service reviews and from locally led change through sustainability and transformation plans, we expect there to be more networks of specialist providers and re-shaping supply models and contracting approaches to integrate care around patients.

Service reviews will also provide opportunity for providers to propose sustainable solutions in line with clinically developed requirements. Service review implementation will also enable new payment approaches in order to incentivise improvement in care quality and patient experience.

Where the relationship between quality, value and patient volumes is strong we expect there to be consolidation of some services as a consequence of undertaking reviews. NHS England will continue to undertake reviews using a structured programme methodology with provider selection carried out in an open and transparent way. There are already a number of services out for procurement at this time.

NHS England North West is signalling our intent to:

* award whole contracts for 2017-2019 using the NHS Standard Contract
* to the incumbent providers without further publication, unless; expressions of interest are received from alternative economic operators
* explore the opportunities for longer than 2 year contracts where this affords opportunities for significant improvements in service quality and efficiency facilitated by using the NHS Standard Contract option to extend term for upto two years

Economic operators should express interest via the PROACTIS portal - <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

During this contract period, where services may be subject to further procurement as a result of the rolling Strategic Service Review Programme, procurements will be published appropriately.

If your organisation would like to become involved with the procurement you should now register on the PROACTIS portal - https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login to access the Opportunity Listing and all further details.

For further details please refer to the Prior Information Notice which has been published on the Official Journal of the European Union.

Please ensure that your contact details on the PROACTIS portal are up to date and the email account registered with PROACTIS is a monitored, as all communication relating to the event and the procurement will be used as the first line for all communication. If you have any queries in the first instance please contact the Commissioners through the PROACTIS dialogue facility.