

NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM CSU) on behalf of NHS England Specialised Services are seeking suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver Intestinal Failure Services for Type II and III patients in England.

Intestinal failure (IF) comprises a group of disorders with many different causes, all of which are characterised by an inability to maintain adequate nutrition via the intestines. It results from obstruction, abnormal motility, major surgical resection, congenital defect or disease-associated loss of absorption. It is characterised not only by the inability to maintain protein-energy, but also often in difficulties in maintaining water, electrolyte or micronutrient balance, particularly when there has been a major loss of length of the small bowel. If it persists for more than a few days it demands treatment with the intravenous delivery of nutrients and water (parenteral nutrition or PN).

The ITT is divided in to lots and bidders are invited to respond to either one of the following lots (please note that bidders are not able to bid for both):

- Section 2: To provide services for Type II and Type III patients
- Section 3: To provide services for Type III patients only

**AND** the mandatory Section 1.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation will be available from 4th September 2015 and should be completed and all bids submitted by the closing date of **5pm on 26th October 2015**.

All submissions will be evaluated using the scoring criteria which is contained within the ITT - Document 1.

Clarifications may be asked during the procurement process, the deadline for clarification questions is **5pm on 16th October 2015**.

All correspondence relating to this procurement throughout all stages of the process must be managed through the Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGEM CSU) eTendering Procurement Portal bravosolutions only.

Providers wishing to submit an ITT to deliver this service can do so by logging onto AGEM CSUs procurement portal (Bravo) as soon as possible at:

<https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

To register on the portal:

- »From the portal Home Page, click the 'Click Here to Register' link
- »Accept the terms & conditions for using the portal
- »Complete your organisation & personal details
- »Choose a memorable username and submit
- »You will shortly be sent an email with your unique password, please treat this securely (if you lose it there is a 'Forgot my Password' link on the portal homepage)

To Access the portal:

- »Login with your unique username & password
- »From the suppliers reserved area click 'ITTs Open to All Suppliers' –this is a repository of all ITT's open to any registered supplier.

- »Browse the ITTs (there may be more than one page) and select **“NHS England Specialised Services - Intestinal Failure Services (Type II and III patients) Section 1 Questions and ITT Documents”** by clicking on it, and then repeating this action for either “NHS England Specialised Services - Intestinal Failure Services (Type II and III patients) Section 2 Questions” **or** “NHS England Specialised Services - Intestinal Failure Services (Type II and III patients) Section 3 Questions”, dependent on the lot you wish to bid for
- »Note the Details buttons on the left for Navigation and the Actions below
- »Click the ‘Express Interest’ action –this will move the ITT from the ITTs Open to All Suppliers area to your ‘My ITTs’ area –this is a reserved area for ITTs that you have either been invited to or expressed interest in.

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