



OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

NHS Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), on behalf of West Leicestershire CCG and East Leicestershire & Rutland CCG is considering the procurement of a Diabetes Education service to provide a diabetes education service to a small cohort of patients.

Diabetes is included within the LLR Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and states the CCGs aim to maximise the number of people receiving diabetes education and diabetes prevention education. Diabetes has been a key priority for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) for a number of years and in 2013 a strategic diabetes document was written in partnership with the Leicester Diabetes Centre called "Transforming Diabetes Services in LLR". Two of the 13 recommendations within the diabetes strategic document were around access to patient education which stated:

Recommendation 12: Patient education – An evidenced based patient intervention programme for prevention of type 2 diabetes is commissioned, with coordination of a range of services and options for patient to access, including metformin for suitable high risk patients who do not respond to lifestyle advice.

Recommendation 13: In a whole systems way, accessibility of evidence based patient education programmes for type 1 and type 2 diabetes are commissioned.

NHS England has provided Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland CCGs with funding to focus on structured diabetes education. Part of this funding includes through two separate lots:

- making available tailored services for Type 2 diabetic women planning on becoming pregnant; (Lot 1)
- developing a course for patients under the age of 18 years with type 2 diabetes; (Lot 2)

LLR CCGs are looking for a provider for the two elements through two separate procurements. The provider will be expected to:

- develop and design a Type 2 diabetes education course
- undertake service user and relevant stakeholders communication and engagement
- running face to face education (an element of which must be one to one or group education)

Estimated value for this is circa £190k for six months (Lot 1 - £60k; Lot 2 - £130k). The CCGs would like suitably qualified providers to develop appropriate education materials and then roll-out education and counselling with the cohort of patients identified.

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 11th August 2017 on M&L CSU Bravo portal (see below) and it will have a deadline for submissions of 17:00 on the 1st September 2017.

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 25th August 2017. 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.

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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 is 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_496) 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, as instructed. You must submit your reply via the website by no later than 17:00 on 9th August 2017.

For technical support in submitting your Expression of Interest or registering on the 'Bravo Solution' Electronic Sourcing 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.

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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 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>

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