

## **Community Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (including Secure Outreach) for London (FCAMHS)**

### **Future Opportunity Notice**

It is envisaged that the procurement will go live at the end of November 2017. This is to give bidders the best opportunity and early access to the questions that we intend to use and give you a head start.

Whilst we intend to use these questions, it is vital that all bidders access the ITT document set once available. The reason this is vital is that these questions may change slightly from those published herein.

The contract value of the procurement is £3,692 million. All financial numbers listed on this advert relate to the entire contract duration [2 years] and are not yearly figures. Funding for the FCAMHS service has been secured to 2019/20 financial year, and funding thereafter is subject to national independent evaluation.

The new service forms part of a national initiative to develop England-wide specialist child and adolescent mental health services for high risk young people with complex needs and that will be delivered within clearly defined geographical areas at regional and sub-regional level. The service in London will be managed locally by NHS England London's Specialised Commissioning team, in partnership with the London Health and Justice team.

The service will have the functions of a specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) service, including secure outreach. It will be available to all agencies within its regional catchment, and is intended to supplement and inform existing local and other cross-agency provision (e.g. CAMHS, social services, youth offending teams, prisons, courts, education) which may have contact with risky young people, including those in contact with the youth justice system who have mental health and/or neurodevelopmental difficulties (including learning disabilities and autism).

The small, highly-qualified multidisciplinary FCAMHS teams are intended to function on several levels in all environments:

- As a resource for information
- As a means of formal consultation
- As a service providing specialist assessments and interventions in particularly high risk and/or complex cases
- As a training resource for front-line workers
- As a means of informing and developing strategic links between mental health services, the youth justice system and other agencies both locally and nationally.

FCAMHS teams have developed across England in an uneven way over the last 15 years, with some areas benefitting from the expertise of such a service and many others not having access to such provision. The service models and effects of such provision have been subject to concerted evaluation with positive results across agencies and settings. In 2013, a national report<sup>1</sup> identified that "[M]ental health provision for young people about whom there are mental health concerns who present a high risk of harm to others and / or are in contact with the youth justice system is heterogeneous and patchy in terms of existing national provision." The report recommended that "[A]ction is needed to address gaps in provision and ensure that children and young people with complex forensic mental health needs have access to appropriate community based services in addition to other related services."

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<sup>1</sup><http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20170302111144/http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/item.aspx?RID=151814>