

Document 2 – Prior Information Notice

Provision of Unscheduled Dental Care, Hertfordshire- Market Engagement

Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (Arden & GEM CSU) on behalf of NHS England (Central Midlands) is looking to tender an Unscheduled Dental Care service within the East and North Hertfordshire and Herts Valleys CCG areas.

This service will require the potential providers to deliver an unscheduled dental care service from two fixed sites located within the following Hertfordshire areas:-

- Lot 1 within East & North Hertfordshire CCG Boundaries
- Lot 2 within Herts Valleys CCG Boundaries

The bidders(s) will be required to identify and secure the premises from which the services will be delivered as outlined in the draft specification.

A triage service will be provided and appointments booked via NHS 111. The successful unscheduled dental care provider(s) will be required to offer urgent dental care appointments from 12:00-20:00 on weekends, bank holidays and 18:00-20:00 Monday to Friday. (Please note these hours maybe subject to slight change).

It is anticipated that the contract shall run from 1st July 2017 until 30th June 2022 with an option to extend up to a further two years (subject to the necessary consent which is being sought via NHS England internal governance Commercial Executive Group (CEG)).

The duration of the contract will be aligned to synchronise with the Integrated Urgent Care contract currently being tendered by the East and North Hertfordshire CCG.

The aims of this service are:

1. to deliver an unscheduled care service providing assessment and treatment for patients with a variety of non-life-threatening dental conditions to the population of Hertfordshire;
2. to reduce inappropriate attendances at A & E;
3. to ensure services are provided in a safe, caring, appropriate and accessible environment;
and
4. to contribute the dental element of an integrated unscheduled health care service providing advice, care and treatment to patients via NHS 111 using administrative, nursing, medical and dental professionals.

A market engagement event is scheduled to take place **on 26 January 2017 from 12 noon to 2pm at a venue to be confirmed within Hertfordshire.**

If your organisation is interested in providing these services as set out above, the please follow the instruction below:

1. Register on the Arden & GEM CSU Bravo Portal <https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> and request a place at the market place event. (registration and use of the website is free of charge).
2. Express interest by:
 - a) logging-in to the Arden & GEM CSU e-Tendering portal
 - b) selecting response to advert and PQQ _337).
3. Bidders should state in your response to Question ME01 & ME02 if you would like to request a place at the market engagement event scheduled for Thursday 26th January 2017

Bidders should submit their expression of interest to attend the market engagement event by no later than 3.00pm on Friday 20th January 2017.

Please note:-

1. This is purely a market engagement exercise with to gather facts on potential providers and NHS England reserves the right not to undertake the procurement.
2. The subsequent procurement will be advertised separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the procurement advertisement as and when published.
3. This is not a PQQ, we are using this functionality within the Bravo portal to communicate with interested parties.
4. Please see the attachments area on Bravo for a copy of the draft specification for this service.