**NHS England**

**NHS England Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening Programme Patient Management System and support services**

NHS England is to conduct market engagement to obtain input and feedback in preparation for a potential tender of a AAA Patient Management System and Support Service.

The aim of the service is to support the NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme (NHS AAA) to reduce AAA related mortality by providing a web-based system that supports local screening services via six main components:

1. Identification of Screening cohort via Subject Population Index (SSPI) - The purpose of this is to identify people eligible for screening, and to provide and maintain demographic data for all identified screening subjects. This provides AAA Screening with the eligible cohort and provides demographic updates from GPs through NHS England Live services. The cohort is supplied to each provider approximately five months prior to the start of the screening year to allow for clinical planning.
2. Management of administration, screening and referral - This supports the core functionality for the screening programme, as described in the background above:
   1. the collation of a screening cohort for each local screening programme
   2. administration of screening subject call and recall,
   3. management of the surveillance programme
   4. recording of the screening process and associated outcomes,
   5. management of referrals for those screened positive
   6. collation of audit and performance management data for the programme.
   7. Where men have asked to be permanently removed from the NHS AAA Screening Programme; recording the reason and removing contact details.
3. The data for the AAA Screening programme stored in a single national database, and each Local screening unit only has access to the patients for whom they are responsible. The boundaries of local screening programmes are defined by the list of GP practices to which they are responsible for offering screening.
4. Recording of AAA surgery and outcomes - measuring the effectiveness of the screening programme by collating data on AAA Screening outcomes (whether following a positive screen or not) and linking findings with the National Vascular Registry (NVR) to support the National Vascular Network.
5. Details of all AAA surgery performed by the vascular unit should be entered on to the NVR by the vascular surgeon using the man’s NHS number and made available to the screening office though the IT systems (the NHS number must be entered to allow the records to be linked automatically).
6. Managed service desk support services

The Contracting Authority would like to gather soft intelligence from the market and is publishing a Request for Information (RFI).

The RFI and further documentation will be available on the from Wednesday 27 December 2023 and the deadline for responses will be 1300hours on Friday 02 February 2024. Please note that all communications and RFI submissions will be conducted via the [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/) The portal can be accessed at any time of the day, and it is free to register.

Expressions of interest to meet with the contracting authority to further explore responses to the Request for Information is not required at this stage, however maybe required at a later stage. Please indicate on Question 23 of Appendix A if you would be happy to participate in the supplier meetings should the contracting authority wish to do so. Supplier meetings will be allocated on a first come first served basis via Atamis. All written responses will be considered regardless of whether interested parties wish to participate or are invited to participate in meetings.

Please note that this exercise is **not** part of any pre-qualification process. It is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise offering an opportunity for provider organisations to help inform potential future service models and/or commissioning intentions.

To register an interest in responding to this market engagement exercise, express an interest to meet the contracting authority and obtain a copy of the Request for Information documentation please go to the [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/)

NHS England is utilising an electronic tendering tool (e-Tendering system) to manage this market engagement exercise and communicate with potential bidders in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended).

It is free to register on [http://health.atamis.co.uk](http://health.atamis.co.uk/), which can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should you have any queries, or you are having problems registering please contact the helpdesk:

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