

NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (referred to as the Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to an express interest in delivering General Dental Services in Bolsover, Derbyshire, for an initial 12-month period with the option to extend for a further 12 months (maximum contract duration 24 months), under a Personal Dental Services Agreement (PDS). The total estimated contract value, including the extension period is £1,074,528.

This is an urgent caretaking arrangement which needs to be in place for 01st February 2024 as there is currently no service in place at the practice, due to a hand back of contract from the previous provider. Bidders are to note, the deadline for ITT submissions is 1700hrs on 03rd November 2023.

In Bolsover, Derbyshire, a previous provider held a contract to offer general dental services. However, they have recently chosen to give up this contract, which has raised concerns about the ongoing availability of dental care in the area. An Oral Health Needs Assessment was carried out, revealing significant disparities in dental health, especially among disadvantaged communities. Given the withdrawal of this contract, it is now crucial to establish an interim dental general service contract to fill the service gap and ensure that the residents of Bolsover continue to receive uninterrupted dental care until a long-term solution is identified. Maintaining these services in Bolsover is essential to guarantee that the local population can access dental care without the need to travel elsewhere, ensuring timely access within their own community.

Derby and Derbyshire ICB's clinical aim for each dental practice is to deliver high quality NHS clinical services defined as: "Patient-centred and value for money primary dental care services, delivered in a safe and effective manner, through a learning environment, which includes the continuing professional development of dentists and other dental professionals".

There are four key clinical principles that underpin this aim. They are:

- Services should be patient centred.
- Services must be delivered safely and through a learning environment.
- Services must be effective and efficient.
- Services should reflect a preventative ethos and follow current delivering better oral health and associated guidelines.

This procurement has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the "Regulations") to the extent that the Regulations relate to services within the scope of Schedule 3 thereto (Social and Other Specific Services). The Commissioner and AGCSU are, therefore, bound only by those parts of the Regulations applying to Schedule 3 services.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this procurement exercise. Further information and the ITT documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering system at the following link: <https://health-familycontractsearch.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects>

You can also register your interest via this page. You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C213506: ITT: Caretaker for General Dental Services in Bolsover, Derbyshire.

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