Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT (BCHC) provide a range of prison healthcare services in conjunction with Birmingham and Solihull Mental Foundation Health Trust ( BSMHFT) to provide primary and secondary healthcare on the prison site at HMP Winson Green

The above contract expires in November 2022 with the Commissioner re-tendering the service prior to this date.

The service is for an on-site General Practitioner (excluding out of hours) and is to provide a full GP service with 'home visits' (i.e. cell and ward), within the site confines and regime of the prison.

Potential providers must have CQC status with GP's licensed by the GMC and with RCGP Stage 1 desirable for this service.

The contractual period for the GP service will be from Nov 20-22 with up to three optional years.

**This engagement is to determine if there are any potential bidders interested in the provision of this service at HMP Winson Green in Birmingham. Any interested organisation must respond by Friday September 27th 2019 to tenders@bhamcommunity.nhs.uk**

Staff provided by the Contractor will be directly responsible to the BCHC Head of GP Service

The service needs to contribute to reducing re-offending targets through improving patient’s health, their understanding of the impacts of poor physical health and contributing to a reduction in health inequalities as well as liaising with community health services regarding prisoners coming up for release

Prison GPs will deliver services on a daily basis , Monday to Friday, 52 weeks per year. Bank holidays are excluded except where there is a 4 day Bank Holiday weekend

All GP’s will be required to enter patient data onto SystmOne which is used across the prison service,

Surgeries will include : Diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions and common ailments, monitoring and review of prisoners with long-term conditions, referral to, and liaison with, other healthcare services and Health promotion

The service required will also include such areas as:

1. Experience of prescribing drugs within a complex and challenging environment.
2. Liaise with new receptions into the prison identified by the primary care nurses
3. Work with the mental health team in the delivery of primary mental health services
4. Undertake or support primary care nurses in the delivery of a range of chronic disease activities
5. Nurse led clinics to be delivered in partnership with a GP
6. Provide in hours advice to members of healthcare staff.
7. Minor surgery : including joint injections but excluding endoscopies and sigmoidoscopies
8. Support a reduction in the number of unnecessary patient transfers to hospital
9. Visit and support the in-house pharmacy
10. Certify prisoners as “fit” where a medical opinion of fitness is required
11. Perform an initial examination of prisoners whenever force/special accommodation/mechanical restraint has been used
12. Visit any prisoner remaining in cellular confinement/segregation/under mechanical constraint or is to unwell to attend clinics
13. See prisoners referred as at risk of suicide/self harm
14. Provide a short term prescription for substance misuse clients received into the prison on treatment whose prescription expires before they can be seen by the substance misuse doctors.
15. Maintain regular contact with the substance misuse GP
16. Undertake all paperwork required in relation to prison discharges, court appearances, parole, probation services, hunger strikes etc
* Health Promotion and Prevention
* Attend patient / prison forum as required