

**Description of the procurement:**

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) has been issued to provide advanced notice of Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's intention to appoint a main contractor for the construction of the new Aseptic Production Unit.

Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is a 1200+ bed teaching hospital providing acute care to 900,000 people living in Norfolk. It provides a full range of acute clinical services, including more specialist services, some not provided at other Norfolk Hospitals, such as oncology and radiotherapy, neonatology, trauma and orthopaedics, plastic surgery, vascular surgery, robotic surgery, bone marrow transplants, interventional radiology, brachytherapy, specialist cardiology, paediatric medicine and surgery. Many of the services are amongst the largest in the country for example it is the 5th busiest NHS cancer service in England.

Opened in 2001, the Pharmacy Aseptic production unit was built to support 18,650 cycles of chemotherapy prepared per annum. As of 2018, the unit is preparing 30,700 cycles of chemotherapy per annum from the same footprint. The aseptic unit produces the following per annum:

- Chemotherapy treatment cycles; 34,400 cycles of which over 3000 are part of clinical trial work.
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) products which support a patient's nutritional requirements when experiencing various issues including intestinal failure. The Trust currently supplies 8000 – 10000 TPN bags per annum (approximate 3000 – 4000 produced by the Trust with the remainder outsourced).
- 10 CIVAS products per annum, which are sight saving products for the Trust Ophthalmology patients. These are often prepared at very short notice and cannot easily be outsourced. Due to the current issues some outsourcing is utilised and some product is made with a significantly reduced shelf life as advised by SPS.

The project will include a new building for the Pharmacy Aseptic Services (PAS) constructed on the Norwich & Norfolk University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust site.

The construction will provide a 2 storey Aseptic Production Unit (GIFA approximately 1000 m<sup>2</sup>) to provide cleanrooms on ground floor with administration and non-process support rooms on the first floor.

The PAS shall be built adjacent to the existing hospital buildings on an area designated. This Aseptic Unit shall provide a facility suitable to be licensed by the Medicines and Healthcare Product Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for the processing and production of aseptically prepared products for the Trust and external customers, in particular cancer chemotherapy treatment (cytotoxic) but also a range of general intravenous preparations (IV) and Parenteral Nutrition (PN). Please note;

1. The cleanrooms will operate under an EU-GMP Grade C (BS EN ISO 14644 Class 7) environment. (as per URS)
2. The isolators shall be designed to provide an environment to EC GMP Grade A within the main chamber and transfer hatches.

Construction details include piled foundations, steel frame, masonry and rain screen clad external walls and concrete floors. The contractor will be required to employ a specialist nominated sub contractor to undertake design and installation of the clean room areas and associated services. All internal finishes and fittings are required to be provided in line with a specification commensurate

with a facility of this type. The project also includes for provision of associated external works and services

The construction budget is to be determined, this being dependent on final detailed design (currently underway). The Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust intendeds to follow an open procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and a single-stage tender, design and build route.

Estimated programme:

- issue invitation to tender:5/2/2021
- return of ITT's (30 days): 5/4/2021
- evaluate tenders: 3/5/2021
- notify suppliers: 7/5/2021
- appoint successful contractor post funding confirmation estimated July 2021
- 12-month approximate build programme (handover by Autumn 2022)

Tender documents are not available at this time and will be issued in line with the timelines detailed above via the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust procurement portal.

Suppliers are advised to register at the portal in advance at the portal to ensure they are notified and able to immediately access the tender documents when published.

There is no requirement for suppliers to respond to this PIN, however suppliers are welcome to register interest via the procurement portal.