

NHS West Kent CCG Community Midwifery Service market event

Description

The Commissioner (NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group) is aiming to establish a community midwifery service in the West Kent area as a pilot for implementation on a wider scale. The pilot is expected to involve treating approximately 200 patients, possibly over a two year period. This forms part of the work that is being undertaken by the Maternity Choice and Personalisation Pioneer which is a joint venture between NHS West Kent CCG, NHS High Weald Lewes Havens CCG and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (the Trust).

Aim and objectives

The aim is to provide a safe, accessible and personalised service for local women, babies and their families in planning pregnancy, throughout pregnancy, during labour, and in the period following the baby's birth.

The CCG is seeking to engage with potential providers for the pilot service to work in partnership with the Trust to ensure timely and easy access to maternity services.

Providers are likely to be established organisations with the required capacity and capacity to enter into a formal NHS contract, including registration with Care Quality Commission, Information Commissioner's Office, and NHS Information Governance Statement of Compliance level 2.

Service approach

The outline approach for establishing the service is:

- Finalise commissioning and delivery arrangements
 - Engage potential providers
 - Confirm approach – service model, commercial model, procurement
 - Confirm providers
- Commence pilot as soon as practical
- Collect service data – probably from treating 200 patients
- Assess outcomes
- Define future commissioning approach, take account of all the above

Engagement process

As part of finalising the commissioning and delivery arrangement, the Commissioner would like to engage with experienced providers in this field to consider and discuss different approaches and models along with the risks and issues that could be faced moving forwards.

To this end the Commissioner is holding a market engagement event at the office of NHS West Kent CCG, Wharf House, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1RE on Tuesday 6 February from 2pm to 4pm .

At the event we will:

- Explain the commissioner's vision for the service:
 - current arrangements
 - drivers for change
 - proposed approach and clinical pathway
 - commercial considerations – procurement regulations, contracting models

- Explore the provider's perspective in open forum:
 - service relationships - commissioner to provider, provider to sub-contractor
 - commercial model – contracting arrangements, payment flows
 - procurement models – contract variation, direct award, competition

Parties wishing to attend the event should express their interest by email to Natalie Manuel, Commissioning Manager – Maternity, NHS West Kent CCG at natalie.manuel@nhs.net to arrive before 9am on Friday 2 February 2018.

We ask that no more than 3 representatives attend from each interested organisation.

The event will be conducted primarily as an open forum. Providers will also be able to request individual meetings with the Commissioner at the event, and to provide written comments in the week following the event.

Attachments

We have attached the current working draft of the service specification which is still at an early stage. The document contains further details of the national and local context, scope and objectives, together with details of local demographics and activity. The outcomes from the engagement process will be used to finalise the specification.

Disclaimer

This engagement does not commit the commissioner to undertake any subsequent procurement process for the service. Participation or non-participation in any early engagement does not entitle, commit, or disbar any provider from participating in any subsequent procurement process for the service. Any subsequent procurement for the service will be advertised separately as appropriate. Any provider wishing to participate in any subsequent procurement for the service will need to respond to any subsequent notice as appropriate.