



**MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT FOR PROVISION OF PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES (PTS)
FOR THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (ICB)**

NHS Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (ML CSU) on behalf of the Commissioner, NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (CPICB), would like to invite providers to attend a 'Market Engagement Event' which will inform the market of the Commissioners' intentions to procure their Patient Transport Services (PTS), to include Planned Patient Transport Service (PPTS), Unplanned Patient Transport, High Dependency/Blue Light Transport, Bariatric and End of Life Transport, and Call Centre.

Please note that registration at this event does not count as registration for the full procurement process, which will be separately advertised we hope in June 2023 via Finder a Tender and Contracts Finder websites. Interested providers will need to respond to this when advertised, whether or not they attend the Market Engagement event itself.

The aim of the service is to ensure a consistent and robust eligibility screening service that enables providers to deliver a high-quality, timely, dignified, and safe patient transport to specific cohorts of patients, ensuring all eligible patients are able to travel without any adverse impact on their medical condition.

The main benefits and expected outcomes are:

- ✓ Dedicated service's that focus on quality and service user experience whilst supporting patient flow across the health system
- ✓ A service that is easily accessible to everyone and supports and promote the wellbeing of our patients.
- ✓ Service's that work collaboratively with other providers and ICS partners to achieve system wide continuous improvement.
- ✓ For providers to become integral partners in the ICS.

The contract anticipated to start 1st of October 2024 is likely to be for 5 years with the possibility of extension for up to another 5 years, and the indicative contract value will be circa £90m. Please note that this information is indicative only, and all these factors may change up to the point of the formal procurement process and should not be relied upon as exact data at this stage.

The Market Engagement Event will take place in the morning of 25th May 2023 from 1030am-1200pm on MS Teams (invite link will be sent after registration requests have been received).

The Market Engagement Event will provide:

- an overview of the service to be provided
- details of the anticipated contract type, length and particular conditions
- the structure of the new pathway for patient transport services in CPICS
- an overview of the procurement process and anticipated timelines
- an opportunity for you to ask questions and feedback on the presentations.



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If you are interested in meeting with the Commissioners and attending the virtual event please register for this Market Engagement event by emailing paulo.sousa-cabral@nhs.net and provide the following details by no later than 23rd May 2023:

- Name of delegates
- Job title of delegates
- Organisation details, including address
- Delegate email address and telephone number.

The service will be commissioned via an open type procurement process conducted in line with the Light Touch Regime, and will be advertised to all providers which is proportionate to the value and complexity of the service and contract. The ITT when published, will be advertised on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender service, and on MLCSUs' procurement portal, Atamis, which will be utilized for the tender. Therefore, we recommend that you register early if you are not currently registered with these websites at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk>
<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Please note you won't see the procurement opportunity on the portal until it is opened for bidding (anticipated in June 2023).

To register on Atamis

If you have not accessed the portal before you will need to click Register from the landing page and complete the required form.

- 1) Register on the portal webpage <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (registration and use of the website is free of charge).
- 2) Once registered, To search for tendering opportunities that have been published by the buying organisation, click Find Opportunities.
- 3) From the Find Opportunities page, click on the title of an opportunity. If the tendering project is at the stage where it is open for suppliers to express interest, you will be able to click Register Interest.

For technical support in submitting your Expression of Interest or registering on the 'Atamis Electronic Sourcing system please contact the Atamis helpdesk via email: support@atamis.co.uk.

All communications from Bidders (including their Bidder Members) during the period of the Procurement (live tender stage) must be directed to MLCSU via the 'messaging' area within the ML CSU online Atamis procurement portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Strictly no other forms of communication to MLCSU or the Commissioner will be accepted (including telephone calls, postal queries/submissions, faxes or email communications) during

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Commented [GH(3R1)]: Great

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“Light Touch Regime” services

This procurement is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (“Regulations”). Accordingly, the contracting authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The procedure which the contracting authorities are following is set out in the ITT.

Right to Cancel

The contracting authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary. The contracting authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the contracting authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency

The contracting authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>