

## C102798 ME3 Market Briefing: Mandatory Dental Services for NHS England South East (Kent, Sussex & HIOW)

### Additional text continuation

The aims for MDS provision are to:

- contribute to improving oral and general health;
- reduce inequalities in health and access to dental care by providing extra support to groups of vulnerable adults and children. This includes, but is not limited to, children under 5 years old, residents of care homes, patients weighing up to 300kg (47 stones) and other vulnerable groups;
- provide access to NHS dental services to ensure equity and consistency of provision;
- provide bookable appointments outside of core hours;
- deliver appropriate, efficient and cost-effective services within the service provision framework of the NHS (General Dental Services/Personal Dental Services) Regulations 2005 and any subsequent revisions;
- provide high quality dental services;
- provide access within contracted hours to unassociated patients identified as having an urgent dental need via NHS 111, NHS Dental Helpline, out of hours services and self-referral;
- refer patients to other NHS services as appropriate in line with the relevant local protocols and guidance;
- establish a positive working relationship between the Commissioner and Provider to facilitate and maximise high quality service delivery;
- develop services in line with the evolving strategic approach to primary care dental provision and align with the priorities of the NHS Long Term Plan – [www.longtermplan.nhs.uk](http://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk);
- promote overall health in line with Making Every Contact Count.

This process is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

This notice is an information gathering exercise rather than a call for competition in its own right, and therefore publication or response does not commit the Commissioner or respondents to a future procurement, nor provide any process exemptions or preferential treatment to any parties expressing an interest. Commissioners are looking to establish what interest there might be in providing such a service from suitably qualified, capable and competent organisations.

The Commissioner will not be liable for costs incurred by any interested party in participating in this exercise. Interested parties should note that a response to this notice does not guarantee an automatic invitation to any subsequent formal procurement, which the commissioners will consider in due course.

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).