

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROCURE SERVICES

PILOT - Armed Forces Veterans Support Project (Non-Clinical)

Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT (CECPCT) intends shortly to commission the above pilot service, for and on behalf of NHS Northwest (covering the North West of England). The aim will be to deliver a signposting facility which will support veterans, and their families, in accessing existing services in areas such as housing; debt management; education etc, and complement the clinical Improved Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services.

CECPCT will welcome Expressions of Interest (EOI) from all suitably qualified and experienced organisations in the provision of this signposting service and will be particularly keen to hear from organisations that wish to lead a comprehensive and coherent group of providers (be that as a consortium, or as a (contractual or corporate) Joint Venture, or in some form of partnership).

Leading organisations will need to demonstrate the experience and capacity to deliver an integrated service to commence on or before the start of the next financial year (April 2012). CECPCT will also welcome bids from consortia or partnerships that can deliver a collaborative service model and utilise a blend of services, knowledge and experience that will be required to deliver the project.

Interested Providers of the Pilot service will need to demonstrate:

- Capacity and capability to deliver a similar sized service in the timeframe required
- Financial and economic standing (including minimum financial and legal requirements).

The contract period will initially be awarded to the successful bidder for 1 year, with an option to extend.

CECPCT will host two market development days which will enable groups and/or individuals to meet and form alliances. The events will take place on:

Tuesday 6th September, 09:30 – 12:30hrs, Warrington

Friday 9th September, 09:30 – 12:30hrs, Preston

To register your interest in attending either of the events, please request Registration Documents by emailing: emmaleigh@nhs.net

Please note that:

- the final day for registration will be Thursday 1st September 2011.
- only two places will be available for each organisation

The call for Expressions of Interest will be advertised, in early September 2011, on the NHS Supply to Health Website:

<http://www.supply2health.nhs.uk/CP4/Lists/Advertisements/DispForm.aspx?ID=49>