



GOVERNING BODY

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Title	Procurement Update: Summary of Activity 2019/20
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Purpose	To update the Governing Body on the procurements completed since the last procurement update and those currently in progress and planned for 2019/20.

Applicable CCG Clinical Priorities:

1.	To promote self care	✓
2.	To ensure high quality local services where possible	✓
3.	To improve the health of those most in need	✓
4.	To improve health & educational attainment for children & young people	✓
5.	To improve access to mental health services	✓
6.	To improve outcomes for patients with diabetes to above national averages	✓
7.	To improve care for frail elderly individuals	✓
8.	To allow patients to die with dignity & compassion & to choose their place of death	✓

Action required by Governing Body:

It is recommended that the Governing Body note the work undertaken and the evolving procurement work programme for 2019/20.

1. Update

1.1 The table below summarises the current health service procurement activity.

Procurement Name	ITT Bidders	Awarded to	Contract Start
ECG interpretation service	tbc	tbc	Feb 2020
Stroke Early Supported Discharge	tbc	tbc	June 2020
Pathology Services			
Mental Health due diligence			
IVF Services	tbc	tbc	Dec 2019

Please note table does not include procurements being undertaken exclusively for West Suffolk CCG

Current Procurements

1.2 Home Care

Suffolk County Council has opened the framework for another round of providers to tender for access to the Home Care Framework. This is to allow new providers access and for previous providers who failed to qualify to have another chance to tender. Re-opening the framework will ensure the greatest level of provider inclusion.

1.3 ECG Interpretation Service

The 24hr ECG tender progressed to award, however, the award process failed due to a challenge, which, after legal advice, was upheld due to a manifest error in the evaluation.

The tender is due to be re-released during September 2019, after a review of the options for delivery has been completed and used to inform the specification further. There has also been a review of the procurement documentation to ensure the CCG has the ability to query concerns where necessary.

1.4 Stroke Early Supported Discharge

During the clarification question period the Stroke ESD tender received a clarification around the budget. Upon investigation it was noted that the prescribed staffing structures would mean the service could be unaffordable within the current budget. The tender is due to be re-released during September with a revised budget, and indications of the future service requirements.

1.5 Pathology Services

The CCG currently commissions Pathology Services with NHS West Suffolk CCG and NHS North East Essex CCG.

After abandoning the direct award of the contract to North Essex & East Suffolk Pathology Services (NEEPS) the CCG is currently reviewing the specification and have undertaken market engagement with providers who expressed an interest to review and further develop the specification. Providers have commented on the specification and have met face to face with the commissioners to discuss a number of areas around the future commissioning strategy.

Once the specification has been completed a review will be undertaken of the procurement options open to the CCGs, and a decision paper will be presented to clinical executives and governing bodies, to agree a way forward for pathology services across the STP. To cover this period a contract has been secured with NEEPS.

1.6 Mental Health

There is currently a lot of transformation work ongoing between alliance partners in the East and West localities to establish an operational way forward for the services.

The considerable transformation plans within the mental health services across both Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk localities will require due diligence to be carried out on the operational plans and contractual issues. The co-ordination of the due diligence processes will be within the remit of the Procurement team.

1.7 **IVF Services**

IVF services are currently subject to a framework administered by another CCG which is ending in November 2019. It has been agreed (subject to ratification) that the procurement will establish an Any Qualified Provider type arrangement where prices are set and the providers will be able to tender for the services and if they achieve a quality level then they will be added to a preferred provider list for selection service users and referrers.

1.8 **Future Procurements**

A number of services are currently under review and the outcome of these reviews may fall into the procurement pipeline dependent on the need, such as Obesity services.

2. **Other updates**

2.1 **Procurement Review**

Due to the abandonment of two procurements a review and lessons learnt exercise is being undertaken to look at the policies and protocols currently used in order to try and prevent procurements having to be abandoned in the future. This potentially includes the establishment of a procurement committee who review the content of procurements before they are released to ensure they are as robust and will be able to provide the required level of assurance.

3. **Key Points**

3.1 The following list of services are likely to be in the procurement portfolio over the coming year; the shaded areas denote when it is anticipated that these will be actively tendered and mobilised. Please note some projects do not have a set start date.

	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	June 20	July 20	Aug 20	Sept 20
ECG interpretation service												
Stroke Early Supported Discharge												
Pathology Services												
Mental Health Due Diligence												
IVF Services												

Please note this list does not include any West Suffolk CCG only procurements

4. **Patient and Public Involvement**

4.1 During this reporting period there have been no evaluations, however, willing representatives from East and West have been sourced for the evaluation and moderation of the Stroke ESD services.

Patient Representatives will not be sourced for the 24hr ECG interpretation and analysis service as this is a diagnostic service which has no interaction with patients.

5. **Recommendation**

5.1 It is recommended that the Governing Body note the work undertaken and the evolving procurement work programme for 2019/20.