



Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group  
West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group  
East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group

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Dear Colleague

### **Commissioning of the H-Pylori Service**

Further to the letter dated 21 November 2013, which set out the new commissioning arrangements for the Leicester and Leicestershire CCG local enhanced services from 1 April 2014, the CCGs are writing to provide an update of the next steps.

Each CCG has independently reviewed the number of providers who have been awarded a contract to deliver the H-Pylori Service from 1 April 2014 and after consideration will shortly be offering a further opportunity for additional providers.

To ensure patients are able to continue to access the service, the CCGs have agreed to extend the existing service level agreements until the 30 June 2014.

The CCGs are working closely with the Procurement Team in Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (GEM CSU) as the CCGs have an obligation to work in-line with EU regulations and procurement rules and guidance.

GEM CSU strongly suggest that you register onto Contracts Finder, link: [www.online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk](http://www.online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk) and also sign-up to receiving alerts for any service opportunities published across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (as a minimum). Once opportunities are advertised you should then receive an automatic alert – informing you of the opportunities as and when they are advertised on Contracts Finder.

**[Please note from previous correspondence that you have received Supply2Health (S2H) is no longer in use and has been replaced by Contracts Finder, a decision that has been made by NHS England].**

As part of the AQP process going forward, Bravo will be the electronic system used to manage future AQP applications. Details of how to access this will be clearly outlined in the opportunities advertised on Contracts Finder. You may wish to sign up to Bravo in advance to save time at the point of an opportunity being advertised should you wish to apply to deliver a service, link: <https://gemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Yours sincerely

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