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### **Re: Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Tier 4 services in Yorkshire and Humber**

This communication is to let you know about a nationally coordinated approach to the procurement of CAMHS Tier 4 services. The procurement will be locally directed and driven so that the services meet the needs of local populations. Across Yorkshire and Humber we have agreed to commence the procurement of general adolescent and psychiatric intensive care inpatient services slightly ahead of the national timescales

The way that the procurement is organised will mean that the Yorkshire and Humber area will be divided into three geographical Lots, the first Lot to be procured will be services for Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire, North and North East Lincolnshire. The remaining two Lots are Lot 2; West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and York, and Lot 3; South Yorkshire. Lot 1 bed requirements are general adolescent beds with co-located psychiatric intensive care beds that will provide for the populations of Hull Clinical Commissioning Group, East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group, North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group and North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

A detailed piece of work has been carried out to assess the numbers of beds required and in which geographical locations

Our timetable and plans mean that NHS England will be engaging with stakeholders for Lot 1 during the months of June and July to ensure that all local and interested parties are fully involved with the process and have the opportunity to inform the future service. We will also in due course notify the market of our intentions for a planned procurement through the issue of a Prior Information Notice via the Official Journal of the European Union. Envisaged timescales mean that invitations to tender will be published later in the summer. This should lead to NHS England awarding a contract to the preferred provider(s) in November, assuming that there are no challenges to the process.

We recognise how important communication and engagement is to this process to ensure it is a success and that the result for everyone is the provision of high quality and effective service provision. This must be located in the most appropriate geographical location to serve this population.

The process and timescales for Lot 2 and Lot 3 will be announced shortly.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Cornall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Robert Cornall**  
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