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Contract

## **NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board**

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Pemberton House Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

#### **Contact**

NECS

#### **Email**

[necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Reference number

NECS515

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

INTENTION TO AWARD NOTICE

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post Diagnostic Autism Support Service under the NHS Standard Contract 24/25.

This is an intention to award notice to advise that the relevant authority intends to award a contract under a competitive process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) regulations 2023.

This is an new service.

Lot 1 - Tees Valley

Contract Start Date: 01 April 2025

Contract End Date: 31 March 2027

1 year (with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance).

Lot 2 Newcastle

Contract Start Date: 01 April 2025

Contract End Date: 31 March 2026

1 Year contract only.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £411,969

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Tees Valley

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR)

## INTENTION to AWARD Notice.

This is an intention to award notice to advise that the relevant authority intends to award a contract under a competitive process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) regulations 2023.

The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

This is a new service.

Contract Start Date: 01 April 2025

Contract End Date: 31 March 2027

The contract term for Lot 1 - Tees Valley is for an initial period of 1 year commencing on 01 April 2025, with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response was by 12 noon 29 October 2024. This provider selection process is now closed.

### Additional information

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers were advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

[Support-health@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support-health@Atamis.co.uk) or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation was available on the e-tendering site from 01 October 2024. This competition is now closed.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents. / Weighting: 100%

Cost criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents. / Weighting: 100%

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract term for Lot 1 - Tees Valley is for an initial period of 1 year commencing on 01 April 2025, with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Newcastle

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

This is a new service.

The contract term for Lot 2 - Newcastle is for 1 year only commencing on 01 April 2025 and ending 31 March 2026.

The closing date for submission of competition response was by 12 noon 29 October 2024. This competitive process is now closed.

#### Additional information

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers were advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-031332](#)



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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

C306069

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

NECS515 - Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service - Lot 1 Tees Valley

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 January 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Daisy Chain Project Teesside

Calf Fallow Farm, Calf Fallow Lane,

Norton

TS20 1PF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

04763989

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £353,935

Total value of the contract/lot: £353,935

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

C306069

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

NECS515 Needs-Led, Pre and Post diagnostic Autism Support Service - Lot 2 Newcastle

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 January 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £58,034

Total value of the contract/lot: £58,034

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the Standstill Period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by midnight on 15 January 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award

under the PSR. A contract will not be awarded until after the 9th working day following standstill.

Written representation should be sent to:

[Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net)

Details of the individual(s) making the award decision:

Decision Makers were

Lot 1 Tees Valley

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board -

Meeting in-common of the 4 Place Subcommittees in Tees Valley.

Lot 2 - Newcastle

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board -

Senior Leadership Team(SLT) - Newcastle Gateshead

The key criteria were considered within the award criteria, which was laid out in the procurement documents.

There were no conflicts of interest identified

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

