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Contract

Waveney SaLT

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04cd9a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.suffolksourcing.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Waveney SaLT

Reference number

PSR001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Section 25 of the Children and Families Act seeks to ensure the integration of special educational provision with health and social care provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Consequently, Suffolk County Council (the Commissioners) are working to commission services jointly for children and young people (CYP) with SEND, with and without Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Speech and Language services falls within this mandate owing to the integration of education and therapy provision supporting speech, language and communication needs. The Service shall be provided across the Waveney area. This is a specialist Service for children and young people who have been identified as having additional needs in the areas of speech, language and communication. The Provider should work to an integrated model (the Balanced System), and SCC are looking to work with the Provider on how this will be implemented and delivered in Waveney. The service is targeted at children and young people aged 0-18 within educational settings who present with speech, language and communication disorders, delays or dysphagia. The Service will align to existing services for 0-25 year olds. This includes (but is not limited to) the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 and other current provisions which exist through Adults Services for Young People who require speech and language support aged between 18 to 25 years, whose needs are delivered through a EHC plan (and further into adulthood).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Value / Weighting: As above

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 16th January 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PSR001

Title

Waveney SaLT

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

Unit 7/8 The Meadows, Meadow Lane

St Ives

PE27 4LG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

CQC

RYV

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Any written representations to the Council must be submitted to procurementbusinesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk by the end of the Standstill Period.

The award has been approved by the Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services, Suffolk County Council following a robust evaluation process undertaken by the CYP commissioner and contract manager.

In line with Suffolk County Council's Code of Conduct, employees must declare in writing any personal or financial interests, which could reasonably be considered to conflict with the Council's interests. In addition, we also have a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration Form, which is specific to individual procurements. The CYP commissioner and contract manager were asked to complete and return these. No conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were identified.

The key award criteria were weighted as follows:

- Quality and Innovation 25%,
- Value 20%,
- Intergration, collaboration and service sustainability 20%,
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice 20%,
- Social Value 15%.

Key criteria 1 was allocated a 25% weighting due to a focus on ensuring that the provider would:

- have sufficient governance and quality assurance processes in place to consistently deliver high quality services, and

- seek out and implement new and significant improvements in the Waveney SaLT service.

Key criteria 2 was allocated a 20% weighting to reflect our interest in the provider's approach to cost efficiency, financial management and financial sustainability.

Key criteria 3 and 4 were allocated a weighting of 20% due to the need for assurance that the services would:

- be provided in an integrated and collaborative way, with a clear focus on improving health outcomes, and
- improve accessibility to services and treatments, whilst addressing health inequalities in the local area.

Key criteria 5 was allocated a 15% weighting as this was considered appropriate for the service type and value of the contract.

We are of the view that the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract to a sufficient standard. We have confirmed this by assessing the performance of the provider against key performance indicators and by taking into account the key criteria and applying the basic selection criteria. We are also of the view that the existing provider will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard taking into account the key criteria and applying the basic selection criteria.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Suffolk County Council

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road

Ipswich

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