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Contract

## **Psychosocial Alcohol Intervention and Recovery Service (PAIRS)**

Essex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-002622

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0495ce

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

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

Essex County Council

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

#### **Contact**

Mr Rizwan Sher

#### **Email**

[rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk](mailto:rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Psychosocial Alcohol Intervention and Recovery Service (PAIRS)

Reference number

DN749367

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Essex County Council is re-commissioning the Psychosocial Alcohol Intervention and Recovery Service (PAIRS). This is a notice for intention to award a contract under the

PSR competitive process, with approximate lifetime value of £4,643,975.

This is an existing service which will be re-commissioned between 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2030.

The Psychosocial Alcohol Intervention and Recovery Service (PAIRS) has been delivered in Essex since 2019. The aim of the Service is to provide community based psychosocial interventions for those individuals with alcohol misuse issues, ensuring the service is safe and appropriate and in line with current local and national guidelines. The provider will work with service users to help them achieve their personal recovery goals and outcomes. The service will also provide direct support and expertise within various acute hospital sites, working jointly with the alcohol liaison nurses to engage with and support those admitted to hospital with alcohol related problems, or where alcohol has been identified as a problem once admitted.

#### **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: £4,643,975

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents. / Weighting: 95

Price - Weighting: 5

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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: Yes

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

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-035095](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

24 January 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Open Road Solutions

12 North Hill

Colchester

CO1 1DZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Children's Society (Services) Limited

Whitecross Studios, 50 Banner St

London

EC1Y 8ST

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

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: £4,643,975

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,598,190

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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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the authority by 5 February 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

Representations can be sent in writing to: [rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk](mailto:rizwan.sher@essex.gov.uk)

Award decision makers: Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Integration in consultation with the Head of Public Health and Wellbeing

There were no declared conflicts of interest by any of the decision makers and evaluators during this procurement.

The chosen provider was selected due to achieving the highest scores across the key criteria used. The provider has been assessed and passed against the relevant key criteria and basic selection criteria.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Essex County Council

Chelmsford

Country

United Kingdom