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Contract

## **Enabling Access to Bariatric and Medical Therapeutic Weight Management Services**

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-003900

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dc11

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

Endeavour House, Russell Road

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QJG

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastsex.icb.nhs.uk/>

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Enabling Access to Bariatric and Medical Therapeutic Weight Management Services

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

The service will cover the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System locality

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Provision of acute and emergency health care services for Colchester, Ipswich and local areas.

Colchester and Ipswich hospitals have major Emergency Departments (A&E) and Critical Care Units.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2099/S 001-999999](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

06T-ST-22-100183

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

3 February 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Turner Road

Colchester

CO4 5JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

NHS Organisation Data Service

RDE

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £1,682,486,040

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) contract modification notice, under 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 contract has now been formally modified.

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

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

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

Endeavour House, Russell Road

Ipswich

IP1 2BX

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Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board locality

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The contract will retain the original services which includes support relating to complex obesity, offering an integrated pathway for weight related medications and surgical treatment options and this will be enhanced with the following.

The Services to be included within the Contract Modification are outlined in the Service Specification relating to 'Enabling Access to Medical and Surgical Weight Management Intervention's including the urgent pathway for high BMI patients needing Gynaecological Cancer surgery.

The provider will offer both medical and surgical interventions via an integrated pathway, collaborate with other weight management providers within the wider weight management pathway, establishing a weight management single point of access to triage all weight management referrals.

The provider has their own ITU in line with NICE requirements for bariatric surgery.

The modifications to the contract includes:

- additional requirement around establishing an integrated single point of access,
- enabling access to NICE approved weight related medication (Tirzepatide) and NHS England delivery models, which will likely incur additional demand (TBD)
- repatriation of patients from an out of area provider, who are awaiting tier 3 weight

management services and choose to be treated locally

- potential modifications relating to phlebotomy arrangements may be included within the scope of the specification and contract.

The contract modification will be added to main Acute contract with an annual break clause and will be reviewed annual basis.

The specialist obesity service may be subject to change due to elements such as, ITU arrangements and wider NHSE commissioning frameworks relating to weight related medications.

National frameworks have indicated a 3-year review point to re-assess delivery options which will include e.g. access to Tirzepatide.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

36

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£7,996,536

#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Turner Road

Colchester

CO4 5JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

NHS Organisation Data Service

RDE

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

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### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The NICE "Obesity: Identification, Assessment and Management" guideline (CG189), highlights the importance of and recommends moving beyond a tiered approach to obesity care. In line with this, SNEE's new integrated weight management and complex obesity disease pathway ensures that patients receive the appropriate support from the right level of service, according to their needs.

The provider will offer an integrated service model, collaborating with a range of weight management service providers to deliver both pre- and post-complex obesity care, and leads assessment, clinical prioritisation and triage for the wider weight management pathway. This model also ensures an integrated pathway across medical and surgical interventions.

There remains a recognised incidence of serious postoperative complications. Consequently, there is a requirement for critical-care resources for the occasional post-bariatric surgery patient with direct access to an on-site Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU).

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,682,486,040

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,690,482,576