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Contract

## **Cheshire East Paediatric Speech, Language & Communication Service**

Cheshire East Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049d48

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD62 - Cheshire East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.cheshireeast.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**

Cheshire East Paediatric Speech, Language & Communication Service

Reference number

DN742781

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The service endeavours to support the children and young people in Cheshire East receiving

Speech and Language Therapy to be their best and improve their communication skills. With

the aim of improving the emotional health and well-being for children and young people by providing a speech, language and communication support that helps them to achieve their potential.

The whole system service delivery is outcomes based and recognises and builds on the strengths of children, young people and their families. The service will ensure that service delivery is provided through one provider only across Cheshire East, this will ensure complete consistency of service provision for all the children, young people and families within the borough.

#### **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: £18,750,920

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

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

It is intended to award a contract to an existing provider following the competitive procedure for the provision of a Cheshire East Paediatric Speech, Language & Communication Service. This is an existing service and is for an initial period of 5 years.

The full term including optional extensions is 7 years and the lifetime value of the contract is £18,750,920

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality and innovation / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract duration is for an initial period of 5 years from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030 with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months to 2032.

### **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 000-030474](#)

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

### **Contract No**

C2154

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

6 February 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MCHFT)

Leighton Hospital

Crewe

CW1 4QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £18,750,920

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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 7th February 2025.

Representations by providers must be made to the authority between Monday 10th February and before midnight on the 18th of 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.

Written representations should be sent via the messaging section of the Chest portal in Project reference: DN742781

The decision to award was made by the Executive Director of Children's Services based upon the highest ranked provider scored against the stated key criteria within the tender documents.

There were no declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest.

Through the assessment of their submission, the provider meets each of the key criteria listed as part of the PSR process.

#### Standout Points:

1. Quality / innovation - Unique motivational approach to staff performance, the upskilling of staff and support with integration.
2. Value - Price reflective of the Early Help and Digital offer provided for in the widened service delivery model.
3. Integration, collaboration and service sustainability - The development of capacity and demand algorithms to support workforce planning demonstrating service continuity and sustainability.
4. Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice - Wide range of engagement and methods of gathering feedback demonstrated to further develop the service. Increase in access via the use of clinics within family hubs.
5. Social value - The service uses innovative ways to communicate key topics to staff. Implemented an Apprentice Strategy actively working with local education providers to support the development of staff.

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

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

High Court

LONDON

Country

United Kingdom