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Contract

## **Adult Secondary Mental Health Services in West Essex**

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-004080

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029404

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

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

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margret's Hospital, The Plain

Epping

#### **Email**

[sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk](mailto:sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH35 - West Essex

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.westessexccg.nhs.uk](http://www.westessexccg.nhs.uk)

#### **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**

Adult Secondary Mental Health Services in West Essex

Reference number

ACE-0447-2021-West

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This Contract Award Notice follows the publication of a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice in the Find A Tender portal on 17th February 2021 (ref: 2021/S 000-003229) informing the market of the Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for Adult Secondary Mental Health Services in West Essex to its incumbent provider, Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

##### **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: £80,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH35 - West Essex

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

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The agreed direction of travel in West Essex is to formally establish an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) known locally as the One Health and Care Partnership (OHCP), with incumbent providers across the health and social care system working to deliver system transformation plans.

EPUT, as the incumbent provider for both Community Services, and Adults Secondary Mental Health Services are a crucial partner in the development of these plans. Therefore any re-procurement of EPUT services at this time would likely destabilise the progress made in developing the ICP model.

Furthermore, ambitious deliverables were outlined for the mental health services in the NHS Long Term Plan (2019 - 2024); work has commenced with EPUT on a number of these deliverables and there is recognition that transformation will take time to embed. If a procurement for this service is undertaken there is a risk that current transformation schemes to ensure the LPT ambitions are met will be disrupted leading to non-achievement of these within West Essex.

The contract will be for a period of 3-years, starting on 1st April 2021 and ending on 31st March 2024. The total value of the 3-year period is approximately £72m. It is recognised that in line with the requirements of the Mental Health Investment Standard (MHIS), additional investment is also required year-on-year over the next 3 years, which will increase the contract value by an additional percentage. This increase is not yet confirmed, therefore the value within this Notice is expected to be an upper value which allows for any additional investment required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Following publication of the VEAT the Contracting Authority allowed a 10-day standstill period in line with best practice prior to entering into any formal contractual arrangement with EPUT.

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## **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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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Furthermore, ambitious deliverables were outlined for the mental health services in the

NHS Long Term Plan (LTP) (2019 - 2024); work has commenced with EPUT on a number of these deliverables and there is recognition that transformation will take time to embed. If a procurement for this service is undertaken there is a risk that current transformation schemes to ensure the LTP ambitions are met will be disrupted leading to non-achievement of these within West Essex.

#### **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**

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#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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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**

28 January 2021

#### **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**

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT)

Trust Head Office, The Lodge, Lodge Approach, Runwell

Wickford

SS11 7XX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £80,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice for England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margaret's Hospital, The Plain

Epping

CM16 6TN

Country

United Kingdom