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Contract

Keyworker Service East Sussex

NHS SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-004548

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ddb2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Keyworker Service East Sussex

Reference number

C335475

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Sussex ICB has implemented the national commitment that by 2023/24 autistic people and people with a learning disability up to the age of 25, with the most complex needs, will be allocated a designated keyworker.

The service provides a named keyworker for children, young people and adults up to 25 years old with a learning disability and or who are autistic, where there is a significant risk of hospital admission/s due to lack of alternative preventative support.

The NHS Sussex ICB review is being undertaken across all Keyworker services in Sussex to assess the current models (including current assessment of need, delivery of outcomes against criteria and best use of resources). This will inform the NHS Sussex commissioning approach for 2026/27 onwards which the ICB plans to confirm in Quarter 1 of 2025/26, following which commissioning of the service for 2026/27 onwards will be undertaken.

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 - Direct Award C) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. The standstill period will end at 2359 hrs 21.02.2025.

Representations by providers must be submitted to the relevant authority via email to robert.kitt1@nhs.net

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: £804,800

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Representations by providers must be submitted to the relevant authority via email to robert.kitt1@nhs.net (Ref: C335475) by midnight (23:59 hrs) on 21/02/25.

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

This direct award is for a term of 24 months, from 1/4/25 to 31/3/27.

The service value is £402,400.00 per annum.

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: N/A / Weighting: 0

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 procurement falls under the Provider Selection Regime 2023 Direct Award Process C.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

C335475

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 February 2025

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

Aspens Charities (AMQJ)

Cornford Lane

Pembury

TN2 4QU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

Charity number: 1171446 Company number: 10342980

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £804,800

Total value of the contract/lot: £804,800

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Decision maker: Deputy Chief Integration & Primary Care Officer and Director of Joint Commissioning, NHS Sussex ICB.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The service evaluation was reviewed against the 5 key criteria:

- Quality & Innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration & service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

These were then weighted as follows:

Quality and innovation (30%),

Value (20%),

Integration, collaboration and service sustainability (20%), Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice (20%);

Social Value (10%).

In determining the weightings for each of the criteria, our primary focus was on ensuring that the evaluation process reflects the key priorities and objectives of the service.

Quality & Innovation: Seeking a home-based supportive service for a vulnerable cohort of young people and their families

Value: Value is based on achieving relative hospital avoidance and reduction in presentation to emergency services.

Integration, Collaboration, and Service Sustainability: Integration is based on the interoperability of the pathway and service with Dynamic Support Register, CAMHS, Children Services, Education.

Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice: Improving access is based on the uptake of 'recovery' based opportunities, for example accessing education and care interventions.

Social Value: Social value is based on a service informed by participation and expert by experience of young people and their carers.

The existing provider was assessed against key criteria which were weighted according to importance in terms of service delivery and scored satisfactorily against the assessed criteria.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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United Kingdom

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