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Contract

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement Reference Number LD/RB26

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG - West Midlands (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/contact/contact-us/>

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

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement Reference Number LD/RB26

Reference number

LD/RB26

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111500 - Psychiatric hospital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Contract Award notice is placed under the Healthcare Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations 2023 Regulation 8 for Direct Award Process B, where the Trust is awarding this contract having conducted spot purchasing analysis and concluded that this is the only available option.

The Trust has a choice of providers, and is not seeking to restrict the number of providers.

The Service is for specialised Psychiatric care for a named patient. Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) are specialist wards that provide inpatient mental health care, assessment and comprehensive treatment to individuals who are experiencing the most acutely disturbed phase of a serious mental disorder. The Contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £1,081.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the exact duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be re-patriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £30,268.00 from 12th January 2026 to not known. The Trust had a spot purchasing arrangement with this provider in the past, and this is a continuation of that service for a new placement, now coming directly through the Trust whereas previously it sat under the ICB. The contract is new as the Trust are placing the contract directly but the arrangements have been previously in place under spot purchasing via the ICB.

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: £30,268

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Main site or place of performance

UKC14 - County Durham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £1081.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the exact duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be re-patriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £30,268.00 from 12th January 2026 to not known.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The placement will be reviewed weekly, and extended subject to the ongoing needs of the patient.

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:

The service is Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) inpatient beds. Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) are specialist wards that provide inpatient mental health care, assessment and comprehensive treatment to individuals who are experiencing the most acutely disturbed phase of a serious mental disorder. The contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £1081.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be repatriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £30,268.00 from 12th January 2026 to not known. The Trust had a spot purchasing arrangement with this provider in the past, and this is a continuation of that service for a new placement, now coming through the Trust, whereas previously it sat under the ICB. There were no alternative placements identified within the required timeframe.

The patient has no legal right to choose, but the Trust does not want to restrict the number of providers. This is highly specialised psychiatric services with limited availability nationally.

All known providers were contacted to ascertain whether they could provide the required service, only this provider responded in the required timeframe.

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

Title

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 January 2026

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

Cygnets Appletree

Frederick Street, Meadowfield

County Durham

DH7 8NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £30,268

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The Award decision maker for this procurement was the Associate Director of Acute Services and Urgent Care on 12th January 2026. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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