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## **Catering Services**

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e1df

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

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

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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**Region code**

UKH37 - Essex Thames Gateway

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.mse.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.mse.nhs.uk/>

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Catering Services

Reference number

C339228/W172176

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

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

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

Services

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

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust ("MSE") intends to enter into agreement with Compass Contract Services (UK) Ltd t/a Medirest for a two-year contract, with option to extend by up to a further year for the supply of patient and staff meals, including catering equipment maintenance services, at the Southend University Hospital site.

#### **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: £14,550,443

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Southend University Hospital, Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 0RY

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

Extension of the current contract for 2 years with an option to further extend by up to 12 months, to allow for the continued provision of catering services to Southend University Hospital (Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust). The total value of contract is excluding vat, and includes the extension option (2 years plus 1 year option. Therefore is 3 year total estimated spend). Ref W172176/C339228

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

None

#### **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**

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 Trust relies on the ground set out within Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) (Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Following

the formation of the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust, the Trust has carried out significant restructuring which has taken time.

The Trust has undertaken an options appraisal and determined that the patient and staff restaurant catering services delivered across the acute hospital sites in Southend, Basildon, and Broomfield, in addition to Braintree Community Hospital need to be market tested for third party provision to deliver value to the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust. The timeline for the development of the service specifications, market testing process, and supplier lead in, onboarding and TUPE process is forecast to take approximately 2 years. An option to extend for up to an additional 12 months term will be included though not expected to be exercised.

The Trust requires stability in its catering services, to ensure that this critical service can continue to be delivered with the same personnel and processes in place, until such time as the Trust wide procurement process is undertaken. The catering services in Southend require immediate capital investment in failing infrastructure by the supplier of approximately £200,000 and a change of catering supplier at this stage, with TUPE implications for in excess of 140 staff, would introduce significant risk, at a time when continuity of services and significant investment is required. COVID pandemic pressures contributed to delay for re-procurement process. Board approval received 30th August 2024.

Timeline for the further Trust-wide procurement process, running concurrently with the contract extension, delivering new long term contract:

| Tender Stage          | Activity  | Duration (Calendar Days) | Start Date | End Date   |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Pre-Tender            | Trust Board, Cabinet Office, Engage Specialist support                    | 180                      | 01/04/2025 | 28/09/2025 |
| Tender Drafting       | Develop Specification, ITT Documents, Trust & Framework document approval | 90                       | 30/06/2025 | 28/09/2025 |
| Advert / ITT Publish  | ITT, Clarifications, Supplier bids to Trust                               | 40                       | 29/09/2025 | 08/11/2025 |
| Tender Evaluation     | Technical & commercial evaluation and moderation                          | 35                       | 09/11/2025 | 14/12/2025 |
| Award Intention       | Board approval, Supplier notification, Standstill, Draft award            | 90                       | 15/12/2025 | 15/03/2026 |
| Award Prepare & Issue | final award letter & contract   | 15                       | 16/03/2026 | 31/03/2026 |
| Implementation        | Implementation phase and contract commencement                            | 153                      | 01/04/2026 | 01/09/2026 |

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 August 2024

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

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

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

Compass Contract Services (U.K.) Limited

Parklands Court, 24 Parklands, Birmingham Great Park, Rubery

Birmingham

B45 9PZ

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- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

National registration number

02114954

Internet address

<http://www.compass-group.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £14,550,433

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Incumbent Supplier: COMPASS CONTRACT SERVICES (UK) LIMITED t/a MEDIREST

National registration number: 2114954

Postal address Town: Parklands Court, 24 Parklands, Birmingham Great Park, Rubery, Birmingham

NUTS code: UK Postal code: B45 9PZ

### **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