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## **Adult Community Services - West Essex place**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ac9c

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

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

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.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 Community Services - West Essex place

Reference number

ACE-0684-2023-HWE

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This is a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice and is intended to provide notice of the Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for Adult Community Services to its incumbent provider to continue to provide services within the West Essex 'place' area.

#### **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: £67,400,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH35 - West Essex

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

This is a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice and is intended to provide notice of the Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for Adult Community Services to its incumbent provider to continue to provide services within the West Essex 'place' area.

In line with the NHS Long Term plan, Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board has an ambitious strategy to integrate the delivery of health and care for the population. The West Essex system has been on a journey of integration with its incumbent providers for a number of years to develop integrated solutions for delivery of services across a number of different pathways.

The incumbent provider, Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) are a key partner within the system. As a key partner the Authority has been working with EPUT to redesign services which will deliver true integration with both the local acute and primary care providers.

The new contract proposed will be for a period of 1-year with the option to extend for a further year. This additional time will allow for continuation of the transformational work which aims to provide increased high quality and joined up services to the patients of West Essex without risking destabilisation of the transformational projects currently in place which will enable success of the long term strategy. This new contract will enable the ICB to properly establish its strategic commissioning intentions for the long-term delivery of the services.

The following key services are in scope: Community Nursing / Integrated Care Teams, Community Inpatient Beds, Early Supporting Discharge Stroke Service, Physiotherapy, Orthotics, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy, Bladder & Bowl, Dietetics, Podiatry, Respiratory Physio, Pulmonary & Cardiac Rehab, Wheelchairs, Equipment, Long COVID. Also included are multi-provider services such as PCN Aligned Care Teams, Care Coordination Centre and Integrated MSK service which rely heavily on the integration of EPUT teams to deliver the West Essex place Out of Hospital Strategy.

EPUT has been delivering Adult Community Services since 2013. The total cumulative value of the contract to date is £277.3m (not including the value of this contract).

The value of the contract is £33.7m p/a - £67.4m if the extension option is enacted. The new contract will start on 1st April 2023 and will end on 31st March 2024 with the option to extend from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a 1-year period.

### **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**

In line with best practice, the Authority will apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period from the publication date of this Notice before awarding the contract, pursuant to Regulation 99(3) (c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended (EU Exit) 2020 etc.).

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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:

Herts and West Essex ICB has been working with its system partners for a number of years to develop a strategy to deliver truly integrated health services to its patient population.

This development has reached a crucial point with a number of key transformational programmes being both in development, and in place, which are being tested and evaluated.

The Hertfordshire and West Essex Board was established on 1st July 2022, as such commissioning strategies are being developed. To procure the services at this point will likely destabilise the excellent progress which is being made and delay implementation of the integrated care programmes. Any delay would also have an adverse impact on the patient population.

#### **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**

### **Title**

Adult Community Services - West Essex place

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2023

**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**

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

The Lodge, Lodge Approach

Wickford

SS11 7XX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Internet address

<https://eput.nhs.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £67,400,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice 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**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

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<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>