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Award

Admission Prevention and Rapid Response Services - Mental Health

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Admission Prevention and Rapid Response Services - Mental Health

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, working in partnership with the Norfolk and Waveney CCG, wish to expand the provision of Admission Prevention and Rapid Response services into a larger demographic area.

Working with the incumbent supplier, the Trust plan to expand the current services (Admission Prevention and Rapid Response) into other areas of the Norfolk and Waveney care sector.

The contract with the supplier will be awarded for an initial one year term (until the end of March 2023), at which point (if the pilot is deemed a success), the Trust plan on conducting a procurement process to identify the Most Economically Advantageous service provider for a longer contract term.

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: £576,200

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Admission Prevention Service (APS), commissioned to the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, delivers interventions to service users that prevent an admission to an acute mental health hospital.

The APS works with service users identified by NSFT's Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs) who are "highly likely" to need admission if support is not provided to help them stay well. Interventions support persons; in crisis, with emotional and practical support, medication prompts and observation, daily life skills and activities, with housing or budgeting, to develop social and community groups, benefit applications, establishment of banking facilities and accessing adult education. The service supports individuals in crisis from presentations of crisis from anxiety through to suicidal ideation, self-harm and personality disorder etc.

The 1 hour Rapid Response service offers a county wide response and integrated offer to support other secondary services. The service supports East of England Ambulance Trusts and NSFT's Mental Health Joint Response Car (MHJRC) to prevent and avoid unnecessary conveyance to Accident and Emergency (A&E) and admission to acute mental health services. The service does this by offering assessment, investigation to a service user's needs and providing brief interventions to help de-escalate crisis and signpost to a wide range of community resources. As appropriate, the service supports EEAST ambulance and Police crews time on scene, aiding in a reduction of Section 136 and Police voluntary attendance at A&E.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract with the supplier will be awarded for an initial one year term (until the end of March 2023), at which point (if the pilot is deemed a success), the Trust plan on conducting a procurement process to identify the Most Economically Advantageous service provider for a longer contract term.

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 contract modification is compliant with Regulation 72(Modification of contracts during their term) of the Public Contract Regulations; specifically section B:

(b)for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor-

(i)cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii)would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;

The outlined criteria of this regulation are met by this contract modification, and the Trust will conduct a full re-procurement process for the outreach service before the end of the one-year contract term (should this pilot program be successful).

The Trust will advertise the subsequent procurement process, via a PIN or Contract Notice, to enable suitably qualified and capable suppliers to register an interest in any future procurement opportunity.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 March 2022

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

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- UKH - East of England

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<https://www.juliansupport.org/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £576,200

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom