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## **HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessm**

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e548

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Unit 1A Howard Court, 14 Tewin Road

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 1BW

#### **Contact**

Bailie Curtis

#### **Email**

[bailie.curtis@nhs.net](mailto:bailie.curtis@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH - East of England

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**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**

HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessm

Reference number

C318564

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

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To address this, HCT is collaborating with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board to outsource assessments for some children and young people (CYP).

This initiative aims to reduce waiting times and support the implementation of a revised diagnostic pathway.

The Trust is inviting proposals from suitably qualified providers to conduct assessments for CYPs aged five and above.

The selected provider must deliver a high-quality, cost-effective service that is responsive to clients' needs and help clear the backlog while also offering ongoing assessment services as needed.

Key requirements include:

- A multidisciplinary team that includes Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians.
- Appropriate Care Quality Commission (CQC) registration.
- A blended approach to assessments, with face-to-face and virtual consultations (face-to-face only for children aged five and six).
- Robust contract management and effective collaboration with the Trust's key contacts.

The contract is expected to commence in early September 2025 for an initial one-year term, with the possibility of two one-year extensions (1+1).

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,260,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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This opportunity is being published on the Atamis e-procurement portal, reference number C318564.

Link - <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Price

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,260,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

11 September 2025

End date

10 September 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional Extension of +1 +1 Years.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

20 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

HCT - CYP Aged 5-6 Years 364 Days - Face to Face

HCT - CYP Aged 7+ to 17 Years 364 Days - Virtual or Face to Face

The requirement is that the provider must have Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians as part of the team.

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>