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Tender

HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessm

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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Contact

Bailie Curtis

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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>

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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

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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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

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

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/>