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Contract

Speech and Language Therapy services to Children and Young People (CYP)

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-006404

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044406

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

Windsor

SL4 3DP

Email

frimleyicb.public@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.frimley.icb.nhs.uk>

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

Speech and Language Therapy services to Children and Young People (CYP)

Reference number

C250508

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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- Develop language skills for daily life (e.g. metalinguistics: non-literal language, inference, multiple meanings, figurative language).

- Understand complex information and words associated with the criminal justice system.
- Develop conversation and social skills e.g. body language, turn taking, nonverbal communication.
- Develop their vocabulary and the way they put sentences together.
- Express their feelings and emotions more effectively e.g. verbal or non-verbal/pictorial.
- Aid their understanding of different types of emotions, and how these can result in a range of feelings.
- Develop strategies to manage their own communication difficulties.

The Commissioner is directly awarding a contract to the existing provider Symbol (UK) Limited in accordance with the criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The total value of the contract is £144,467.40 for the initial three year contract term, with a total contract lifecycle value of £240,779.00 including the two year extension. The initial three year period will commence on 1st April 2024.

This procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner.

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: £240,779

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

UKJ11

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form 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 is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 11 March 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Symbol (UK) Limited

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

03557960

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £240,779

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Commissioner made the decision of directly awarding the incumbent provider Symbol (UK) Limited in accordance with the following five criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

- Quality and innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

It has been advised that Symbol (UK) Limited has the evidenced ability to deliver the activity required to meet service requirements within the required region and that can deliver to the tight timescale. A direct award to Symbol (UK) Limited would be appropriate and present the best value for the Commissioner in this circumstance.

No declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were identified during the decision-making process.

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