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Contract

## **Financial Wellbeing Service (Community Partnership Commissioning)**

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e58c

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

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

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Stoke-On-Trent

ST4 6TH

#### **Email**

[sophie.riding@nhs.net](mailto:sophie.riding@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.combined.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**

Financial Wellbeing Service (Community Partnership Commissioning)

Reference number

WHISP 322

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

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

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

Services

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

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) is working as an agent on behalf of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) to publish this Contract Award Notice for the Direct Award of the Financial Wellbeing Service.

The current contracted service expires 31st March 2025. NSCHT are directly awarding a contract for 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years, until 31st March 2030.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £200,000 (for 3 years total, with an option to extend for 2 years).

Contract Start Date: 1st April 2025

Contract End Date: 31st March 2030

This service is to provide bespoke financial and benefit advice.

MLCSU, on behalf of NSCHT, previously undertook a multi-lot Competitive Process for Community Partnership

Commissioning, which included:

Lot 1 Health and Lifestyle Service

Lot 2 Future Focus Peer Coach Service

Lot 3 Financial Wellbeing Service

The aim of the Competitive Process exercise, for Lot 3, was to appoint a provider to support the provision of Financial Wellbeing Management and Support (FWB) for Mental Health Services (North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent) for North

Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

The service role of the Financial Wellbeing Support will offer a Monday - Friday service that arranges flexible support to people with financial difficulties within North Staffordshire and Stoke on

Trent.

The service will advise and support patients who are under the care of CMHT's including Older Persons and the Rehab Pathway.

The relevant reference number for this tender in the

Atamis Portal was C318455.

This ITT was made available to all Bidders who expressed a potential interest in delivering this service in line with the requirements for Health Services and mixed procurements which fall under Regulation 3 and 11 for the award of a contract with a competition, and

Schedule 1 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime PSR) Regulations 2023.

The process was advertised on Find a Tender (2024/S 000-036891) and there were no suitable bids for this contract on this

occasion, therefore there were no recommended bidders for Lot 3 as part of this Competitive process.

The contract award criteria was specified in the procurement documents. The procurement documents included the contract award criteria, including the agreed relative importance of key

criteria (e.g., weighting, prioritisation) against which, bids were evaluated.

This process was a mixed procurement as Lot 1 and Lot 2 were considered to be health, but Lot 3 was not. The healthcare element was more than 50% of the total value of the 3 contracts and therefore a mixed procurement approach was taken, in accordance with PSR regulation 11 for the procurement of these 3 contracts.

Lot 3 itself is considered to be non-health and therefore PSR will not apply. Public Contracts Regulations 2015 applies ,

There is an existing service already in place with Citizens Advice Staffordshire North & Stoke-on-Trent.

NSCHT is confident that the incumbent provider would be suitable for direct award under Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015, Regulation 32 (1)(2) (a)

Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication

32.-(1) In the specific cases and circumstances laid down in this regulation, contracting authorities may award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior publication.

General grounds

(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:-

(a) where no tenders, no suitable tenders, no requests to participate or no suitable requests to participate have been submitted in response to an open procedure or a restricted procedure, provided that the initial conditions of the contract are not

substantially altered

#### **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: £200,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent

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

This is a Contract Award Notice and is published under the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015. It is for Health, social and

related services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') as

specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7.

The contract is being awarded under PCR 2015

Section 32. Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication which applies. NSCHT have previously tested the market, and there were no suitable bids received for this lot and therefore a direct award is being made to the incumbent in line with

(a) where no tenders, no suitable tenders, no requests to participate or no suitable requests to participate have been submitted in response to an open procedure or a restricted procedure, provided that the initial conditions of the contract are not substantially altered

NSCHT is confident that the incumbent provider

would be suitable for direct award as NSCHT have tested the market previously, and there were no suitable tenders received in response to the multi lot Lot 3 Financial Wellbeing Service procurement previously advertised.

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

Price

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure.

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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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

The contract is being awarded under PCR 2015

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#### **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**

### **Title**

Financial Wellbeing Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 February 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Citizens Advice Staffordshire North & Stoke-on-Trent

13-15 CHEAPSIDE

STOKE-ON-TRENT

ST1 1HL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1001204

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Stoke-On-Trent

Country

United Kingdom