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Contract

## **Bereavement Counselling**

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-007199

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e7e4

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

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

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Level 3, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Fishergate Hill

Preston

PR18XB

#### **Email**

[lsicib.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:lsicib.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD4 - Lancashire

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QE1

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.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**

Bereavement Counselling

Reference number

QE1-8K760-RO-25-001

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The provision of Bereavement Counselling

### **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: £65,818

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

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

The provision of Bereavement Counselling

Start Date: 01/04/2025

End Date: 31/03/2026

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £65,818 however the final contract value is still to be finalised.

The ICB are intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

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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

- 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 processes as set out in the PSR have been applied and not the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of the notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 10th March 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

4 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**

Cruse Bereavement Support

Unit 01, One Victoria Villas

Richmond

TW9 2GW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Companies House

00638709

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £65,818

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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Written representations should be sent to [iscicb.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:iscicb.procurement@nhs.net)

## Details of Decision Makers:

The recommendation to award the contract via this route has been made by the ICB commissioning lead for the service and was then endorsed at the ICB Commissioning Resource Group on the 30th January 2025. The final decision to award the contract was made by the LSC ICB Executive Team on the 4th February 2025. This award is in compliance with direct award route c as there is an existing provider for the services and the existing provider is satisfying the original contract, will likely satisfy the proposed new contract and the services are not changing considerably. In completion of the service and provider assessment, the relative importance of the key criteria (Quality and Innovation, Value, Integration, Collaboration, and Service Sustainability, Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice, and Social Value) were considered against the current contract specification and the ICB are assured that the provider is satisfying the requirements within the specification in relation to the key criteria. The ICB are also satisfied that the provider meets the basic selection criteria.

There were no conflicts of interest identified.

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

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

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Preston

Country

United Kingdom