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Contract

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-007200

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059c19

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Liverpool Road

Chester

CH21UL

Email

info@coch-cps.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

NHS Organisation Data Service

RJR

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.coch-cps.co.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

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

Reference number

F/102/MHWS/25/SB

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice.

The overall aim of the Framework Agreement is to provide Mental Health and Wellbeing services for young people, adults or both.

The Framework intends to cover a range of services that fall within the scope of Mental

Health and Wellbeing services, delivered either virtually or in person.

This is a Framework under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025

In accordance with Regulation 17 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and Regulation 17 of The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025, the Framework will be open to applications from new potential Providers during the Term of the Framework.

Previously appointed Providers are NOT obliged to re-apply.

Further 'Intention to Award' notices will be published as and when new Providers are appointed.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £0.01 / Highest offer: £135,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312330 - Family-planning services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services
- 85312510 - Vocational rehabilitation services
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The awarding of this framework agreement 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 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award.

The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight at the end of 9th February 2026 to info@coch-cps.co.uk.

Framework agreements have not yet been formally concluded; this notice serves as an intention to establish the framework agreements under the PSR.

The award decision makers were two Senior Commercial Procurement Specialists, the Commercial Procurement Manager and the Director of Commercial Procurement Services.

The Key Criteria were:

- Social Value 10%
- Value - Commercial Questionnaire 10%

- Quality and Innovation 30%
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability 30%
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice 20%

The framework will be available to all Relevant Authorities (and any future successors to these organisations). "Relevant Authority" is defined in section 12ZB(7) of the National Health Service Act 2006 and in section 10A(9) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

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The Framework intends to cover a range of services that fall within the scope of Mental Health and Wellbeing services, delivered

either virtually or in person.

In accordance with Regulation 17 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and Regulation 17 of The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025, new Providers may be added to this Framework during the Term of the Framework. Award of a Framework Agreement does not guarantee or imply any commitment to award a Call-off Contract by any Relevant Authority.

Previously appointed Providers are NOT obliged to re-apply.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

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Regulations 2023 and The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award.

The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Written representations should be sent to: info@coch-cps.co.uk Representations by providers must be made to the Framework Host by midnight at the end of 9th February 2026.

Framework Agreements have not yet been formally concluded; this notice serves as an intention to establish the framework agreements under the PSR.

The decision was proposed by a Senior Commercial Specialist at Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and approved by the Commercial Procurement Manager and the Director of Commercial Procurement Services for Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

No conflicts of interest were detected or declared during the procurement process.

The relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision are set out in this notice. Each of the Key Criteria elements were weighted in consideration of the subject-matter and with a view to securing the needs of the

people who use the services, improving the quality of the services, and improving the efficiency of in the provision of the services.

The chosen providers met the selection criteria, passed the PASS/FAIL Key Criteria and met or exceeded the published required minimum total score of 65% across the remaining Key Criteria for award to the Framework Agreement.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

27 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Portland Clinical Limited

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

Companies House

09324612

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £0.01 / Highest offer: £135,000,000 taken into consideration

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Newbridge Care Systems, (trading as Schoen Clinic Chelsea).

York

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

Companies House

06134186

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £0.01 / Highest offer: £135,000,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The approximate lifetime value of the entire framework is £135,000,000 but no commitment to award a Call-off Contract is implied or given.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Chester

Email

info@coch-cps.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Representations by providers must be made to the Framework Host by midnight at the end of 9th February 2026.