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## **Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS) in Hertfordshire**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b347

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Email**

[sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk](mailto:sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://hertsandwestessex.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**

Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS) in Hertfordshire

Reference number

HWE CANS 23

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This is a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice and is intended to provide notice of the Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for 'Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS); to its incumbent provider, Marie Stopes Reproductive Choices, to continue to provide the services within the Hertfordshire area.

#### **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: £2,716,230

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

This is a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice and is intended to provide notice of the Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for 'Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS); to its incumbent provider, Marie Stopes Reproductive Choices, to continue to provide the services within the Hertfordshire area.

The termination of pregnancy service provides termination of pregnancies which are quick and safe depending on the personal health and circumstance of the individual service user, to help to reduce repeat abortions and unintended pregnancies and to promote better sexual health amongst service users.

The contract has been with the incumbent provider since 2013 and has a total cumulative value of £15,838,713 (excluding the value of this contract). The proposed contract will be for a period of 12 months, starting on 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, with the option to extend for a further 12 months from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The value identified in this Notice is exclusive of VAT and is for the potential 2-year period, including the extension. The value of the initial 12-month contract is £1,358,115 (exclusive of VAT).

The Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (HWE ICB) was established on 1st July 2022. The HWE ICB replaced the Clinical Commissioning Groups within Hertfordshire and West Essex. The HWE ICB are currently developing their commissioning strategy for sexual health services, this review and strategy development will determine how the services are best delivered to our patients in future. The short-term extension allows continuity of care for patients whilst the strategy is developed and delivered.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further 12 month period.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

In line with best practice, the Authority will apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period from the publication date of this Notice before awarding the contract, pursuant to Regulation 99 (3) (c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended (EU Exit) 2020 etc.)

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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:

The Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (HWE ICB) was established on 1st July 2022. The HWE ICB replaced the Clinical Commissioning Groups within Hertfordshire and West Essex. The HWE ICB are currently developing their commissioning strategy for sexual health services, this review and strategy development will determine how the services are best delivered to our patients in future. The short-term extension allows continuity of care for patients whilst the strategy is developed and delivered and avoids unnecessary costs.

#### 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/concession

### Title

Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS) in Hertfordshire

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

20 February 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

MSI Reproductive Choices

1 Conway Street, Fitzroy Square

London

W1T 6LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://www.msichoice.org.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,716,230

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

Country

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