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Adult Autism Assessment - West Essex

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-007774

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b3b1

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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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adult Autism Assessment - West Essex

Reference number

HWE CANS 2023

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 Adult Autism Assessment services to its incumbent provider, Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT), to continue to deliver services within the West Essex 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: £354,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH35 - West Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Contracting Authority's intention to award a contract for Adult Autism Assessment services to its incumbent provider, Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT), to continue to deliver services within the West Essex area.

The service provides diagnostic assessments for adults aged 18 years and over who are suspected of having Autism.

The new proposed contract will be for a period of 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months. The new contract will start on 1st April 2023 and will end on 31st March 2024 with the option to extend from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The contract has been in place since July 2015, the total cumulative value of this service since it began is £504,000 (excluding the value of the new proposed contract and VAT). The value of this contract, excluding the optional extension period is £177,000 (excluding VAT), increasing to £354,000 (excluding VAT) if extended by a further 12 months.

The figure reflected in this notice is the total contract value, including the optional extension.

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 by a further 12 months.

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.)

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) became a legal entity on 1st July 2022, replacing the previous Hertfordshire and West Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups. The organisation is in its early stages and is forming its commissioning and procurement strategies. It is the intention of the HWE ICB to undertake a full commissioning review of its Autism services across the area. To procure services at this stage would risk destabilisation and misalignment to the wider strategy. This short-term extension will allow the HWE ICB time to ensure that a robust strategic review is undertaken which will inform the longer-term decision on how these services will be delivered in future for the benefit of our patients, avoiding unnecessary costs.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

Adult Autism Assessment - West Essex

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

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

The Colonnades, Beaconsfield Close

Hatfield

AL10 8YE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address

<https://www.hpft.nhs.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: £354,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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

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