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Contract

Ageing Well - Psychosocial Support For People Living With Dementia

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

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Country

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Region code

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.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**

Ageing Well - Psychosocial Support For People Living With Dementia

Reference number

C339526

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO AWARD: Psychosocial Support For People Living With Dementia services are integrated with the Brighton and Hove City Council Ageing Well Service and need to be delivered in existing established community locations across Brighton and Hove. This service is delivered at the following locations: St Richard's Community Centre in Hangleton and Knoll, Cornerstone Community Centre, Palmeira Square Hove and at the Woodingdean Community Centre. An estimated 55 separate psychosocial activities are delivered each quarter.

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: £133,875

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO AWARD: This is an intention to award a contract to an existing provider following a most suitable provider process. The total contract value will be for £133,875 beginning 1st April 2025 and ending 30th September 2026.

Currently Impact Initiatives provides Psychosocial Support for People Living with Dementia.

The range of services, groups and activities offered through the service aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increase health and wellbeing

- Reduce loneliness and social isolation
- Support people to remain independent,
- Enable people to live well in their communities, thus reducing the need for more intensive services including avoidance of hospital admission.
- Ensure a wide range of volunteer opportunities.

The primary role of the service is to deliver:

- Single Point of Contact (SPOC) dementia specialist working integrated within the Ageing Well information, advice and signposting service. The SPOC post is a part time role equivalent to 0.6FTE. This SPOC is utilised by people with dementia, their carers and families as well as health and social care professionals and VCSE staff. It is expected that the Provider will ensure that information about local services is available and up to date together with using other appropriate resources.
- Delivery of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) A local programme of appropriate group CST, with those who have participated in group CST having access to an age appropriate maintenance CST programme
- Multicomponent activities. For example, lunch with the opportunity to socialise and learn a new craft or skill in a community venue led by people trained in CST.
- City wide befriending volunteers for people aged 65+ living with mild to moderate memory loss or a diagnosis of dementia.
- Group befriending events for people living with dementia on a monthly basis as well as groups for people with moderate dementia/memory loss.
- Arts and crafts and other creative activities.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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 decision makers by Midnight (23:59) on Friday 14th 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: No

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

3 March 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

Impact Initiatives

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Brighton

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

276669

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £133,875

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representations should be sent to Stuart Meredith at the following email address:

stuart.meredith1@nhs.net

No conflicts of interest were identified.

Decision maker: Deputy Head of Mental Health Commissioning - Brighton & Hove.

Evaluation key Criteria

The service evaluation was reviewed against the 5 key criteria:

The key criteria were weighted as follows:

- Quality and innovation - 25%
- Value - 25%
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability - 20%
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice - 20%
- Social Value - 10%

Quality & Innovation: This criterion shares the heaviest weighting with the Value criterion. This weighting reflects our commitment that the service should be of the highest quality for people living with dementia and their carers, to ensure that they receive an integrated and seamless experience that enables them to feel supported, included and valued. Innovative approaches to engaging with people living with dementia from diverse communities is important.

Value: The Value criterion is significant because by integrating the dementia focused services with more general activities for older people, extra value for money is obtained through the economies of scale generated by the breadth of the operation. The considerable involvement of volunteers to deliver the services also means that the impact of the investment goes far beyond what might normally be anticipated and maximises beneficiary numbers.

Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability: this criterion is weighted equally to Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice. Integration and collaboration is key to ensuring access to a wide range of experiences and support services for dementia patients, as well as motivating them and their carers to engage with a broad range of opportunities in the service. A cohesive system partnership between providers - local VCSE organisations and assets, and local authority services will generate a broad range of opportunities for people living with dementia and their carers. The single point of access will enable people to discover and utilise existing community assets whilst reducing duplication, as well as supporting the sustainability of local services.

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice: dementia impacts people of all socio-economic groups and ethnicities. This service should be available in a range of locations and in areas of economic deprivation across the city. A key element of improving access is the importance of venues being accessible by public transport, as well as being established, familiar community venues. The weighting for this score reflects our commitment to ensure that this resource is targeted towards those who are most at risk of isolation. It has been proven that people with dementia who remain active and socially engaged are more likely to stay living in their homes independently for longer.

Social Value: This criterion recognises the positive impact of services and their contributions to the broader social, economic, and environmental improvements in the community. It acknowledges the positive inter-generational social value and cohesion that broad ranging volunteering opportunities create for everyone in local neighbourhoods.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

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Country

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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