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## **Integrated activities to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities in North East Essex**

NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-007982

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0325c8

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

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

NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Aspen House, Stephenson Road, Severalls Business Park

Colchester

CO4 9QR

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.neessexccg.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**

Integrated activities to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities in North East Essex

Reference number

ESNEE

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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This notice is made by the Contracting Authority, NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) in compliance with its local procurement policy.

The contract value is £624,000 over the six month term, and VAT will not be applicable. Even if the contract is extended by a further six months, the contract value will remain unchanged at £624,000.

### **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: £624,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

North East Essex

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

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The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this VEAT, during which the CCG will not enter into any contractual arrangement.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract may be extended by a further six months, after the initial six 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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Authority has taken a decision to award a contract to the University of Essex, as it is considered to be the most technically capable provider in the current environment, due to the University's position both as a significant anchor organisation situated in the middle of the community in which this work will be directed, and aims to provide support, but also as their place as a community within that neighbourhood due to the student and staff populations living in and being part of the community this work is aimed at supporting. The university brings a number of skills that are directly linked to the work and have work ongoing with schools and the community as part of other research and outreach in the local community.

The University understands the structure and governance of the Alliance and has already commenced dialogue with system partners including education providers and has evidenced that they have the capability and capacity to deliver engagement and supportive schools work to support the timescales required by the programme.

The University of Essex will continue to work with the Authority and as part of the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance as an anchor organisation within the Essex system to continue to further develop and implement a set of initiatives aimed at increasing community participation in shaping their lived environment, addressing skill gaps in the community, improving employment prospects, and developing high-impact research and knowledge exchange to improve lives.

#### 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

Integrated activities to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities in North East Essex

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

24 February 2022

#### 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

University of Essex

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

CO4 3SQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

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: £624,000

### **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 of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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