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## **Rapid Intervention Service for West Essex Place**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b443

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

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

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Email**

[cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk](mailto:cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

Main 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**

Rapid Intervention Service for West Essex Place

Reference number

ACE-0549-2022-WEST

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

- 85323000 - Community 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 NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Health Board's (herein the Authority) intention to award a contract for Rapid Intervention Service (RIS) to East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST), for the West Essex place. The contract will be for a 36 month period with the option to extend for a further 24 months.

#### **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: £1,746,950

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

West Essex (Place)

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

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The contract will be for a 36 month period, with the option to extend for a further 24 months.

The contract value for a 36 month period is £1,048,170 Pound Sterling. The aggregate contract value over the 36 month period, including a 24 month extension, is £1,746,950 Pound Sterling.

The contract award decision is as a result of a robust due diligence process undertaken as a negotiation without prior publication, under Regulation 32 (1) (b) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 ("PCR 2015") (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020).

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.) EU Exit) Regulations 2020).

The Authority issued a Request for Information (RFI) on 26th July 2022 to ascertain the interest from the market for this Rapid Intervention Service (RIS) for the West Essex place. The deadline expired at 17:30hrs noon on 09th August 2022 and unfortunately, on this occasion, only received a limited response in connection with the RFI exercise.

The Authority took a decision to conduct some further engagement with interested and suitable providers that expressed interest in the original opportunity, with an aim to run a different process using the same Specification, to select a suitable provider, under

Regulation 32 (1) (b) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. As such the Authority contacted those organisations that had responded to the RFI to understand what their potential interest was in working with us and to ensure that the Authority could ascertain a suitably qualified provider and ensure the continuity of service to patients within the West Essex place, as any discontinuation of the service would be an unacceptable outcome to the Authority and would have impacted the patients that require the service.

One response was received, and this was the incumbent provider, the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST). The Authority underwent a robust due diligence exercise is being undertaken with the Preferred Bidder (utilising the Crown Commercial Service's standard selection questionnaire) and scored specialist subject matter technical questions to ensure that the Authority had assurance that EEAST were suitably qualified and experienced, supporting the award decision being made.

The Authority intends to award the contract to East of England NHS Trust after expiry of a standstill period of 10 days, concluding midnight on 30th March 2023.

#### **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 24 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**

The Rapid Intervention Service (RIS) has been established in the West Essex area since 2017 and the RIS model is designed to deliver responsive interventions to patients in their own home which otherwise would have led to a presentation at A&E in an acute setting and to decrease unnecessary emergency ambulance conveyances in Harlow, Epping North Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell areas.

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure
- 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:

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The intended contract duration is from 01st April 2023 - 30th March 2026, with the option to extend for a further 24 months. The aggregate total contract value, including all options, is £1,746,950.00 Pound Sterling.

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#### **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**

Rapid Intervention Service (RIS) for West Essex Place

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 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**

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

SG8 6NA

Cambridgeshire

SG8 6NA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

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: £1,746,950

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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#### **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**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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