

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/008501-2026>

Contract

## **The Provision of a Mental Health Service for Children and Young People (CYP) with Learning Disability and/or Autism, including Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) Supporting CYP with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-008501

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-061315

Published 30 January 2026, 2:08pm

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Hertfordshire County Council

County Hall

Hertford

SG138DQ

#### **Email**

[strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

---

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of a Mental Health Service for Children and Young People (CYP) with Learning Disability and/or Autism, including Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) Supporting CYP with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Reference number

HCC2617441

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

Specialist Mental Health Service for Children & Young People (CYP) with a Learning Disability and/or who are autistic.

The service supports the mental health needs of CYP who have complex needs and present with significant communication challenges, as a result of their Learning Disability and or autism that require specialist approaches to mental health support. These often do not appear in isolation and many of CYP will experience co-occurring difficulties, such as:

- Emotional dysregulation
- Behaviours of concern[2] (includes CYP with LD and/or ASD that may show behaviours of concern that seem unrelated to mental health at first but underlying mental health needs often become clearer once support begins)
- Sleep difficulties, feeding difficulties, and toileting difficulties
- Withdrawal from usual activities significantly impacting activities of daily living (ADL)
- Sensory processing difficulties

In addition, Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) provide early help mental health support for pupils (reception to year 13\*) with mild to moderate difficulties who are on roll at education settings within Hertfordshire.

### **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: £20,871,012

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

The Council is intending to award this contract to our existing provider following Direct Award Process C under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR.)

The contract will commence on 1st April 2026 until 31st March 2028 with the option to extend for 2 years up until 31st March 2030. (Maximum 4 years total.)

The approximate life time value of this contract is stated in II.1.7 above and includes the value of any possible extensions.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is the option to extend the contract for two (2) years subject to available funding and satisfactory performance at the discretion of the Council.

---

## **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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period.

Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 11th February 2026.

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**

26 January 2026

#### **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**

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT)

14 Tewin Road

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 1BW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

NHS Organisation Data Service

RY4

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,871,012

---

**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period.

Representations must be made to decision makers by 11th February 2026.

The contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Written representations should be sent to:

[strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Details of individuals making the award decision:

CYPMHS Senior Commissioning Manager

Herts & West Essex MHST Commissioning Manager

Deputy Head of Service IHCCT: CYPMHS Commissioning and Design

The existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract. The provider has been assessed against the relevant 5 key criteria and has passed the requirements.

There were no conflicts of interest identified.

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

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

Independent Choice and Procurement Panel

Wellington House

London

SE1 8UG

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will enter into an 8 working day standstill period following publication of this Contract Award Notice before officially awarding the contract in line with the requirements under PSR.

