

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/008651-2025>

Contract

Provision of Urgent Award Community Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric) Services on behalf of NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-008651

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04eb56

Published 11 March 2025, 9:55am

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Road

Basildon, Essex

SS14 3HG

Email

esther.pettigrew@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

National registration number

QH8

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.midandsouthessex.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

Provision of Urgent Award Community Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric) Services on behalf of NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

Reference number

ACE-0804-2025-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A direct access non-obstetric ultrasound provision for adults. The service is intended to aid early diagnostics and avoid the need for unnecessary referral to secondary care for conditions that can be appropriately managed within a Primary Care setting or to support

the shift of activity into a primary care setting.

There is a need for an urgent award of contracts for direct access ultrasound and for a period of 12 months (01st April 2025- 31st March 2026) to ensure the MSEFT have sufficient time to procure the CDC capacity. Risk to patient safety through increased (long) waiting times unless an arrangement is in place for 1 April 2025 as all direct access would then be referred into MSEFT who have confirmed they cannot absorb the activity within current capacity. An urgent award is required for continuity of service and safety of patients requiring direct access diagnostics.

The current contract with the incumbent (Essex Ultrasound & Medical Services Limited) expires on 31st March 2025 and as a consequence there is a requirement to award a 12 month contract from 01st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

The value is a £0 value contract – paid at local prices – planning value for 2024-25 is £1,935,198 which is subject to any uplift applied to 2025-26.

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: £1,935,198

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A direct access non-obstetric ultrasound provision for adults. The service is intended to aid early diagnostics and avoid the need for unnecessary referral to secondary care for conditions that can be appropriately managed within a Primary Care setting or to support the shift of activity into a primary care setting.

There is a need for an urgent award of contracts for direct access ultrasound and for a period of 12 months (01st April 2025- 31st March 2026) to ensure the MSEFT have sufficient time to procure the CDC capacity. Risk to patient safety through increased (long) waiting times unless an arrangement is in place for 1 April 2025 as all direct access would then be referred into MSEFT who have confirmed they cannot absorb the activity

within current capacity. An urgent award is required for continuity of service and safety of patients requiring direct access diagnostics.

The current contract with the incumbent (Essex Ultrasound & Medical Services Limited) expires on 31st March 2025 and as a consequence there is a requirement to award a 12 month contract from 01st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

The value is a £0 value contract – paid at local prices – planning value for 2024-25 is £1,935,198 which is subject to any uplift applied to 2025-26.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

There is a need for an urgent award of contracts for direct access ultrasound and for a period of 12 months (01st April 2025- 31st March 2026) to ensure the MSEFT have sufficient time to procure the CDC capacity. Risk to patient safety through increased (long) waiting times unless an arrangement is in place for 1 April 2025 as all direct access would then be referred into MSEFT who have confirmed they cannot absorb the activity within current capacity. An urgent award is required for continuity of service and safety of patients requiring direct access diagnostics.

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

Title

Provision of Urgent Award for Community Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric) Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 January 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

Essex Ultrasound & Medical Services Limited

Central Canvey Primary Care Centre Long Road

Canvey Island, Essex

SS8 0JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,935,198

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under 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 in this award.

There is a need for an urgent award of contracts for direct access ultrasound and for a period of 12 months (01st April 2025- 31st March 2026) to ensure the MSEFT have sufficient time to procure the CDC capacity. Risk to patient safety through increased (long) waiting times unless an arrangement is in place for 1 April 2025 as all direct access would then be referred into MSEFT who have confirmed they cannot absorb the activity within current capacity. An urgent award is required for continuity of service and safety of patients requiring direct access diagnostics.

Decision makers are: NHS Mid and South Essex ICB Executive Team

No conflicts of interest have been identified

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom