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Contract

## **Provision of Urgent Award of Diagnostic Healthcare Limited Community Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric) Service on behalf of NHS Mid and South Essex ICB**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04eb5e

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### **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](mailto: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](http://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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**

Provision of Urgent Award of Diagnostic Healthcare Limited Community Ultrasound (Non-Obstetric) Service 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 and 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 (Diagnostic Healthcare 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 £244,802 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: £244,802

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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#### **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

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## 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:

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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

### 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**

Diagnostic Healthcare Limited

The Royals 353 Altrincham Road

Manchester

M22 4BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £244,802

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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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