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Contract

Women's Centre Support with Women's Secure Pathway - Pilot 24/26

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0439fb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Sussex partnership NHS Foundation Trust

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Women's Centre Support with Women's Secure Pathway - Pilot 24/26

Reference number

C256751

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To provide female centric support to people who are receiving care in women's adult secure wards across Kent Surrey Sussex

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the most suitable provider process. The service is to provide female centric support to people who are receiving care in women's adult secure wards across Kent, Surrey & Sussex.

New service. Existing provider. Contract dates 01/04/24 - 31/03/26, with an option to extend for 1 year. Contract value stated is for 3 year total contract term.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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:

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 decision makers by midnight 28/03/24. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR. Representations should be made to clare.martin@sabp.nhs.uk

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

18 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Brighton

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

2601210

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Decision makers: Programme Director and Project Manager for Adult Secure services, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Provider Collaborative .

The basic selection criteria and the key criteria were assessed by reflecting on the evidence provided by BWC, knowledge of the pilot's success from attendance at the women's centre pilot steering group meeting, and in particular to the Quality and Innovation metrics, BWC's Trauma Informed Care certification. Weighting for the Key Criteria was decided with more weight given to 'Integration, Collaboration, and service sustainability' and 'Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice'. Integration, Collaboration and service Sustainability was given more weight due to the interorganisational working that will be needed for the substantive service between BWC, each women's ward, and the Provider Collaborative to reduce negative impact on stability, viability and quality of services and to promote the patient's perspective that the service is being delivered in a seamless and co-ordinated way.

'Social value' was given 20% weighting as the relevant authority felt it was important to give some priority to community cohesion and wellbeing of the population and social determinants of health as both of these criteria will be key parts of both the Community Links Worker's and the Enhancement Worker's activities.

'Quality and Innovation' and 'Value' were both weighted at 15%, this was decided in order to give a balance to delivering safe, effective, and caring services that also provide a positive experience to the women involved with the importance of exercising functions in an effective, efficient and economic manner.

BWC have been awarded the contract for this service as they provided a successful pilot service for two of the women's secure wards (Hazel ward at the Chichester centre and Walmer ward at Trevor Gibbens Unit, Maidstone) over a 3-month period. The pilot was run primarily by two key members of staff, an Enhancement worker and a Community Link Worker. The Enhancement Worker organised creative and recreational activities on the ward based on the women's perception of well-being, these activities were co-produced with the women and were tailored to their interests. the Community Link worker provided practical support to help the women build their confidence and knowledge around transitioning into the community. Both workers aimed to create 'building blocks' of support that can be used to implement a streamlined service. BWC have demonstrated

throughout this pilot their technical and professional ability to provide this service. They are also accredited with working in a Trauma Informed way, which aligns with the Trust's ambitions and values. Trauma informed ways of working was received well by the women involved who expressed they felt safe and that BWC had created non-judgemental spaces, thus showing BWC had provided a positive experience.

It was acknowledged in the decision-making process that the staff at BWC had built good relationships and rapport with both the women and the staff on the wards, and that ending these relationships and having to create new ones with a new organisation could be detrimental for the women involved in the service and activities. BWC gathered feedback from participants and staff during the final week of the pilot, the responses of which were positive and can be seen in more detail in the project end evaluation report written by BWC. Throughout the pilot, members of the pilot implementation steering group provided feedback to BWC on activities that were provided. This feedback was acted upon, further strengthening the co-production element of the pilot.

BWC have reported their learning from this pilot, and it was agreed in the decision-making process that this experience strengthened the case in awarding the contract to BWC.

They provided extensive evidence of their ability to provide these services going forward in a substantive form through their project end evaluation report, BWC Annual report for financial year 2022-23, One Small Thing Trauma Informed Accreditation, and information on their community forum

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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