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Contract

## **Community Dental Service within Essex**

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board  
Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QJG

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastessex.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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Ipswich

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**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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<https://midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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QM7

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

## **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**

Community Dental Service within Essex

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

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

This notice is a Direct Award C Intention to Award notice under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 for Community Dental Services covering the localities outlined within this notice.

#### **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: £3,621,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH23 - Hertfordshire
- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

The service will be covering the following integrated Care Board localities:

Suffolk & North East Essex (North East Essex area)

Mid & South Essex (whole ICB area)

Herts and West Essex (West Essex area)

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

The Community Dental Service aims to ensure that vulnerable people of all ages have access to appropriate dental care. The Provider is contracted to provide dental services with a community and preventive focus within a budget, with clear and monitored pathways, for a minority of people of any age whose oral care needs (that may be on-going or part of a single treatment plan) cannot be met through other local NHS primary care dental contracts due to their other special needs (medical, physical or behavioural). Barriers to services for these groups will be addressed by providing specialised skills, facilities and/or flexibility to meet the individual patient's requirements beyond the capacity of general dental services, including domiciliary services.

This contract is for 2 years commencing 9th April 2024 and ending on the 8th April 2026, there are no options for extension. The annual contractual value is £1,810,000. This contract is being commissioned by Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board, for and on behalf the following: Suffolk & North East Essex (North East Essex area), Mid & South Essex (whole ICB area), Herts and West Essex (West Essex area).

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board are awarding the contract named within this notice under the Direct Award C process which is outlined within the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The provider named in this notice is an existing provider and has been reviewed through a Key Criteria assessment to ensure the awarding body is satisfied with current performance and reasonably expects the provider to be able to satisfy the contract which is the subject of this notice. The contract which is the subject of this notice has not changed considerably

when compared with the existing / previous contract delivered by the named provider.

The ICB may wish to introduce additional services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modifications"). Such contract modifications will be contemplated where additional requirements are similar and or complementary to the services already included in the Specification, at any given time. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by the Authority as named in the Contract Notice. To this end, after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the contract may be varied as allowable in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

### **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: 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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

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 on the 8th April 2024 (8 working days following publication of intention to award notice). They should be submitted in writing to [procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk).

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

Award decision-makers: Dental Commissioning Committee

No conflicts of interest, or potential conflicts of interest, were declared by any decision makes.

The decision to award this contract in line with Direct Award Process C was based on evaluation against the five required key criteria as follows:

- Quality and Innovation - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering a safe and effective service as required by the specification and contract they are currently delivering.
- Value - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering value to the integrated care system and the cost of change would not be outweighed by the potential benefit of a new provider.
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is positively impacting on the integrated care system through their integration and collaboration delivered as a requirement of the specification or alternative elements linked to the delivery.
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is meeting needs of the population to ensure equitable access and choice as required by the specification and contract.
- Social Value - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering in line with the SNEE Green Plan, supporting with the implementation of carbon reduction and increase in initiatives which positively impact on the wider determinants of health.

#### **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**

Community Dental Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 March 2024

### **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**

Community Dental Services CiC

Bedford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Companies House

07476618

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,621,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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