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Contract

Contract for the Provision of Speech and Language Therapy Services

KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-009980

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04eea2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Trinity House, 110/120 Upper Pemberton, Eureka Park, Kennington

Ashford

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.kentcht.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

Contract for the Provision of Speech and Language Therapy Services

Reference number

1562/20/C

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Speech and Language Therapy for children in mainstream and special schools in East Sussex. Under the PSR Direct Award C "incumbent provider" this is necessary to direct award a short term contract to ensure continuity of care and provision to vulnerable children whilst substantive recruitment continues.

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: £28,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Speech and Language Therapy for children in mainstream and special schools in East Sussex. Under the PSR Direct Award C "incumbent provider" this is necessary to direct award a short term contract to ensure continuity of care and provision to vulnerable children whilst substantive recruitment continues.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Availability and Qualifications / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is an option to extend this contract by a further period until the end of Term 1 2025/26 where necessary in order to ensure continuity of care for a vulnerable cohort of children whilst active substantive recruitment continues.

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

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 31 March 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR

This award is lawful under PSR Direct award Process 1C - award to incumbent provider who has demonstrated that they are satisfying the existing contract and likely to satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard, and the proposed contracting arrangements are not changing considerably.

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

14 March 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

Pioneering Children's Services Limited

Crowborough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

07760147

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £28,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Representations should be sent via email to kcht.contracts@nhs.net

Award decision makers are Director of Specialist, Strategic Lead West Kent and Head of Service - School Health and Children's Integrated Therapies and Equipment

There were no conflicts of interest.

Due to continued local recruitment challenges, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust has identified a continued clinical risk to children and therefore intends to direct award this contract to the existing incumbent supplier set out above, in order to ensure continued safe provision of service to a vulnerable cohort of children whilst recruitment to substantive posts continues.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom