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Contract

## **NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board**

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB

Charter House Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Contact**

Esther Pettigrew

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Affinity Vanguard - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The purpose of this Notice is to confirm the award HCRG contract with additional funding across the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (HWE ICB).

During 2021/22 West Essex became a Vanguard site to apply the framework for integrated care; this provided an opportunity for education, health and care, and health and justice partners to work together and design a service model across Southend Essex and Thurrock (SET) for a cohort of highly vulnerable children and young people (CYP) between the ages of 5 -16 with complex needs and who experience some of the highest levels of health inequality.

The framework is designed using evidence-informed best practice, the aim of the Vanguard is to promote collaboration across services to integrate and deliver trauma-informed care. The basis for the service model is to integrate education and mental health services, intervene earlier in the pathway and stop children and young people's progression into the youth justice and secure estate, an unnecessary Tier 4 hospital admission, or other inappropriate out of area placement. A key objective for the Vanguard is to ensure that children and young people are enabled to lead an improved purpose in life including education, that they are supported by staff to re-enter/remain in mainstream education where appropriate, and to enjoy and achieve through positive learning experiences.

West Essex (now Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB)) is one of three Vanguard sites in the first wave. The Vanguard is delivered by HCRG Care Services Ltd (HCRG) (formerly Virgin Care) on behalf of West Essex on a pan Essex footprint and has received national interest.

Funding was awarded by NHSE Health and Justice for a period of three years. The Vanguard is now in its 2nd operational year and has been very successful, and effective; schools are requesting further support. Demand is outstripping capacity and the service has now ceased accepting any new referrals during 2022/23.

Being a Vanguard, and a totally new service developed to address the previously unmet emotional and behavioral need in this group of CYP, commissioning partners across the 3 ICBs could not have possibly known the likely demand, which has been consistent since mobilization in September 2021

It was agreed that the service provider, HCRG, required additional resource in recognition of the Vanguard's success and current high demand; the SET Executive Collaborative Commissioning Forum (Exec CCF) agreed to utilize surplus 2022/23 LTP funding value £207,113 on a non-recurrent basis to address the current contractual cost pressure and

alleviate the need for temporarily ceasing referrals into the service. The additional investment during 2022/23 would enable the Affinity Vanguard to support an additional 172 CYP in an educational setting across the three ICB footprints covering Essex.

The decision to proceed with completion of this Waiver Form and award HCRG additional funding was formally approved at the meeting of the SET Exec CCF on 30th November 2022 and endorsed by West Essex Senior Management Team (SMT) on 19th December 2022.

The contract hosted by Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB as the lead commissioner and covered by this Waiver Form is:

- HCRG Care Services Ltd (HCRG)
- Service Provider since September 2021
- Current contract value £422,083 per annum (excludes VAT)
- Service Description

Affinity Vanguard - schools and family work to improve CYP wellbeing, displaying direct improvement in their mental health, emotional regulation and well being

Cumulative value of spend for this contract to date with HCRG is £814,298 (excluding the value of this waiver). The original contract was approved via a waiver (reference number 242) through West Essex CCG with a total value of £1,266,249. The discrepancy in the value of the contract from the original waiver is noted, this is as the first year was not mobilized until part year, therefore the actual cost is lower.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

End date

31 March 2023

#### **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 V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

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### Title

Affinity Vanguard - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

11 April 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

HCRG (formerly Virgin)

66 Porchester Road

London

W2 6ET

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://www.hcrgcaregroup.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £1,157,880

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

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#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

End date

31 March 2023

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

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#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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66 Porchester Road

London

W2 6ET

Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address

<https://healthcaregateway.co.uk/>

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No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

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The expected value of this waiver is £343,582. If the waiver is approved the total

cumulative spend with HCRG will be £1,157,880. The additional funding is non r

#### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Modification was necessary

#### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £343,582

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,157,880