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Contract

## **Specialist learning Support Assistant (SpLSA) Service**

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

Endeavour House, Russell Road

Ipswich

IP12BX

#### **Contact**

Caryn Akers

#### **Email**

[procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**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/aspx/Home>

**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**

Specialist learning Support Assistant (SpLSA) Service

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The service provides specialist learning support assistants to children and young people ensuring that they can attend and receive education or receive support optimising rehabilitation to return to education at the earliest opportunity.

#### **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: £208,690

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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

The service is to support individuals in education and when appropriate in hospital, at home or in another residential setting where they meet the National Framework for Children & Young People's Continuing care criteria December 2016 or demonstrate clinical exceptionality and reliance upon technology for their survival. The service delivers Health assessments to inform individualised healthcare plans in consultation with the Child's MDT. SpLSAs are trained and supervised by a qualified Children's Nurse to

ensure skills and competencies.

The Section 75 agreement is for one year with no options to extend. ICB contribution of £208,690 plus NHSE inflationary uplift. SCC contribution of £308,953. Special Schools contribution of £12,000 per child pro rata for attendances

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**

Price

#### **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 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

1st April 2025 (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: SNEE ICB Executive Committee on 14/10/2024

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

The decision to award 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 service.

- 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.
- 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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 October 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**

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

IP1 2BX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

OC442315

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £208,690

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

Ipswich

IP1 2BX

Country

United Kingdom