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Contract

## **Acorns Childrens Hospice Trust (Walsall) (NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB)**

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Stafford Education & Enterprise Park, Weston Road,

Stafford

ST44LX

#### **Email**

[governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Acorns Childrens Hospice Trust (Walsall) (NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB)

Reference number

WHISP 361

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

- 85110000 - Hospital and related services

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

Services

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

Acorns are a valued system partner and are well engaged with the System Palliative and End of Life Care Programme Board. They are committed to collaborative working to ensure that all patients and families in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent receive the care they need.

#### **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: £66,628

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

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

- 85110000 - Hospital and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG38 - Walsall

Main site or place of performance

Black Country Hospice: Walstead Road, Walsall, WS5 4LZ

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

The ICB is intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C, where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably, and the test for considerable change is not met.

The lifetime value of the contract is: £66,628 (for 12 months).

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided are: 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026.

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 Wednesday 2nd April 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

The ICB is satisfied that the requirements for the provision of health care services are not changing considerably, i.e., they don't meet the considerable change threshold as set out in Regulation 6(10).

The intention is to award a contract to the existing provider, via the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Regulation 9, Direct Award C.

The contract period shall be for a period 12-months from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

Email address where written representations should be sent:  
[governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk)

Details of the award decision-makers: NHS SSOT ICB Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) on 7th January 2025.

The Planned Care, Cancer & Diagnostics (PCCD) Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) and Procurement Operational Group (POG) agreement and approval processes seek to identify any Conflicts of Interest and, if declared, these are documented and managed according to SSOT ICB policy. Persons with known or declared Conflicts of Interest would be excluded from the decision-making process. In this case, no conflicts were declared by any members of the ICB's Finance and Performance Committee.

The ICB are confident that the existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard. The continuation of existing services in 2025/26 will maintain capacity and reduced demand on primary and secondary care. The proposed contracting arrangements are not changing considerably from the existing contract. The ICB Quality & Finance teams undertook these checks (including an assessment of the Basic Selection Criteria and Key Criteria) are recorded on the ICB's DMR Tracker.

Right to Cancel: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the direct award process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts and in addition reserves the right to award only part of this contract.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any provider in connection with this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any representation to the Contracting Authority.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: the existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

#### **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:

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#### 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

Acorns Children's Hospice Trust (NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

7 January 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**

Acorns Children's Hospice Trust

Black Country Hospice: Walstead Road,

Walsall

WS5 4LZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG38 - Walsall

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

700859

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: £66,628

Total value of the contract/lot: £66,628

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom