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Contract

Care (Education) Treatment Reviews (CETR's)

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD4 - Lancashire

NHS Organisation Data Service

QE1

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.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

Care (Education) Treatment Reviews (CETR's)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of an independent Clinical Advisor and Expert by Experience for every Care (Education) and Treatment Review (CETR) required for people in a mental health or specialist hospital with a diagnosed learning disability and/or autism.

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: £140,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of an independent Clinical Advisor and Expert by Experience for every Care (Education) and Treatment Review (CETR) required for people in a mental health or specialist hospital with a diagnosed learning disability and/or autism.

This notice is confirmation of an award having been made due to urgent circumstances.

The value of the contract is capped at £140,000 however it is dependant on the number of CETR's required.

Contract Start Date: 01/09/25

Contract End Date: 31/03/26

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

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

Title

Care (Education) Treatment Reviews (CETR's)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 July 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

Pathways Associates CIC

Suite 2 - Waterside, St James Court West,

Accrington

BB5 1NA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Companies House

06671425

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £140,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

Pathway Associates are the longstanding existing provider for this service that has previously been delivered under a spot purchase agreement which was a compliant route under the previous procurement legislation. An urgent contract was awarded to end in August 2025 under the new PSR regulations to allow for a procurement process to take place for a 3-year contract. With the new proposed changes to ICB functions (as outlined in the ICB blueprint provided by NHSE), it is currently unknown whether CETRs will remain a statutory responsibility for the ICB.

Therefore, the intention to go out to procurement to award a longer-term contract has been put on hold and a short-term arrangement is required until the ICB know more about whether CETRs will remain within their responsibility. If the arrangements with the existing provider are not extended, this would result in a gap in provision which would result in a risk to patients and the non-delivery of the ICB's current statutory duty.

The ICB's Acting CFO approved this urgent award on the 30/07/2025.

No conflicts were declared.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Preston

Country

United Kingdom