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Award

Emergency Intervention Vehicle – Mental Health Joint Response in Suffolk and North East Essex

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03bf02

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH - East of England

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Emergency Intervention Vehicle – Mental Health Joint Response in Suffolk and North East Essex

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £777,798

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

Suffolk and North East Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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In line with the Mental Health Investment Standard, Mental Health Implementation Plan and Long Term Plan investment in provision of mental health specific initiatives should be in place during 23/24 enabling such initiatives as a dedicated joint response vehicle with paramedic and mental health practitioners to be in place to support the Mental Health Crisis and Liaison programme and long term plan priority to reduce ambulance conveyance to Urgent and Emergency Care facilities.

The Mental Health Joint Response car will be delivered in partnership between EEAST (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) and EPUT (Essex Partnership University Trust), with a Paramedic being provided by EEAST, and a Mental Health Practitioner being provided by EPUT.

This will require 2 separate contractual agreements with each provider. The EEAST contract will be a new agreement to support the change in service provision, whereas the EPUT contract will be a variation on the current crisis service contract.

The car will respond to mental and physical health crisis needs in the community and as the pilot has already gathered evidence of success, there is now the requirement to put in place a longer-term commissioning arrangement.

The new contract proposed will be for a period of 36 months with the option to extend for a further 24 months. The new contract will start on 1st April 2023 and will end on 31st March 2026 with the option to extend from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2028.

The value of this contract without extension is £777,798, increasing to £1,296,330 if extended by a further 24 months.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by a further 24 months

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB are extending this service until 31st March 2026 with the option to extend for a further 24 months.

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB have deemed that the incumbent provider is the only technically capable provider to deliver this service and the award of this contract will allow for specialist service provision and continuity of service.

There are no other providers within the system who deliver blue light services and secondary mental health provision within the system to deliver this outcome and with the relationships already been built there is benefit to be gained from maintaining continuity with the current service provision.

The ICB therefore deems that award of this contract offers the most competitive and best value proposal and supports continued delivery of a key admission avoidance service.

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/concession

Title

Emergency Intervention Vehicle – Mental Health Joint Response in Suffolk and North East Essex

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Whiting Way

Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

SG8 6EN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £777,798

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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

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