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Contract

Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTRs) in Avon on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) South West

NHS SOUTH, CENTRAL AND WEST COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS SOUTH, CENTRAL AND WEST COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.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

Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTRs) in Avon on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) South West

Reference number

WA12103

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England and NHS Improvement South East (the Commissioner) sought to commission Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTRs) Services in Avon.

Initially, the commissioner was seeking a provider who can deliver MHTRs focussing on Bristol Magistrates Court.

MHTRs form part of the wider Community Sentence Treatment Requirements (CSTRs) Programme which is a partnership between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I), Public Health England (PHE) and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

MHTR in the context of the CSTR programme is intended for the sentencing of individuals convicted of an offence(s) which has crossed the community order sentencing threshold and may be used as an alternative to short custodial sentences for individuals who may have range of mental health, personality disorder and psychological issues/vulnerabilities which do not require forensic or secondary care treatment.

The financial envelope outlined in this notice relates to delivering MHTRs primarily to Bristol Magistrates Court only.

During the life of the contract, it is likely that the Commissioner will wish to work with the successful provider to 'scale up' the service in order to deliver MHTRs to other Magistrates and Crown Courts across Avon. The additional activity is not guaranteed at this time.

The timing and funding for the scale up will be agreed with the provider based on operational capacity and subject to availability of funding.

This procurement was carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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: £318,764

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The CSTR Programme aims to develop pathways to enable and facilitate the increased use of all three treatment requirements:

- Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTRs)
- Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRRs)
- Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATRs)

ATRs and DRRs in Avon were outside the scope of this procurement, beyond the co-ordination of CSTRs for combined orders. However, there is an expectation that MHTR and ATR & DTR providers will work closely together in the best interests of the service user, especially where it can be identified that a combined order is the best outcome.

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The aims of the service are to:

- Increase the proportion of offenders with mental health issues for whom an effective mental health treatment plan is in place.

- Reduce re-offending by addressing the underlying causes of offending behaviour.
- Prevent custodial sentences (especially short ones), by offering robust community treatment options.
- Provide tailored mental health support to the most vulnerable offenders. Individuals supported by pilot sites included those who suffered from post-traumatic stress, trauma, bipolar, personality and phobia disorders, psychosis and ASD.

Contracts will be for an initial term of 2 years, with a possible extension of a further one year, as defined and at the discretion of the Commissioner.

The substantive/initial financial envelope relates to delivering an indicative volume of 160 MHTRs annually, primarily to Bristol Magistrates Court.

The Commissioner had a maximum financial envelope of £162,500 per annum for this element.

Services commenced on 01 August 2022.

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The total potential maximum contract value for the 3 year contract (including 1 year extension option and potential scale up) was £780,000.

Further information in regard to the potential 'scale up' of delivery, including indicative activity and budgets, was detailed within the Invitation to Tender document.

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"), which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-030584](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DEVELOPING HEALTH AND INDEPENDENCE

BATH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

03830311

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £318,764

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