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Contract

Educational Psychology Assessments - PSR Direct Award Process C

Newcastle City Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-011603

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-064bc5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Newcastle City Council

Civic Centre

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE18QH

Contact

Linzi McMeekin

Email

linzi.mcmeekin@newcastle.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.newcastle.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Educational Psychology Assessments - PSR Direct Award Process C

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an intention to award notice under Direct Award Process C of the Provider Selection Regime in relation to the award of a new contract to the existing provider.

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: £252,560

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council has a requirement for educational psychology assessments and reports for children and young people, to support the assessment process for Education, Health and Care Plans.

This Contract will be awarded to an existing provider under direct award process C of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

The value of the contract will be up to £252,560 for 6 months.

The service will be provided between 20/02/2026 and 19/08/2026.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Modifications as permissible under PSR

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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight on 19 February 2026. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

6 February 2026

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

Sanctuary Personnel Ltd t/a Skylakes

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Companies House

05972910

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £252,560

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 19 February 2026. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR. Written representations should be sent to linzi.mcmeekin@newcastle.gov.uk.

The award decision-maker is the Director of Children's Services or their delegated representative.

There have been no declared Conflicts of Interests.

The provider has been assessed against the following PSR criteria - Quality and Innovation (20%), Value (20%), Integration (20%), Improving access and reducing Health Inequalities (30%), Social Value (10%). The relative importance of the criteria was determined based upon the key delivery requirements of the service specification with a greater emphasis on quality criterion. The assessment determined that the provider was meeting the key criteria outlined and were likely to continue to meet the key criteria under the new contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle City Council

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 8QH

Country

United Kingdom