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Contract

Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service

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NHS Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board
NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board
Essex County Council
Southend-On-Sea City Council
Thurrock Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service

Reference number

ACE-0689-2023-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is intended to provide confirmation of an awarded contract for an Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service providing specialist autism support to autistic individuals of all ages, across the Transforming Care Partnership (TCP) footprint of Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET).

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: £8,153,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Southend, Essex and Thurrock.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is intended to provide confirmation of an awarded contract for an Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service providing specialist autism support to autistic individuals of all ages, across the Transforming Care Partnership (TCP) footprint of Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET).

The contract is for 4 years from 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2028, with an option to extend for a further two years until 30th April 2030.

The value of this 4-year contract is ££4,769,000. This will increase to £8,153,500 if the option to extend is utilised. Both values are exclusive of VAT.

The Authority invited suitably qualified service providers to submit tenders for the provision of an Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service across the East of England Region.

The Service will aim to achieve the ambitions of Building the Right Support and the NHS Long Term Plan by reducing the number of avoidable admissions of autistic people to tier 4 and inpatient services and improving the quality of life and care of autistic people in both

inpatient services and the community. It will consist of a 'core offer' for Children, Young People and Adults as well as crisis offer for Children and Young People.

The service will be expected to work with individuals, across a variety of settings, as well as supporting their families and offering consultation to other professionals/services to support the understanding of the individual's needs 'through an autism lens'. The service will also be expected to offer hands on, practical support to implement its recommendations, with a more intensive offer of this support for children and young people forming a 'crisis offer'. Engagement with individuals and their families tell us the importance of support being 'for autistic people, by autistic people', and there will be an expectation that that lived experience is held at the centre of the service's offer and values, employing individuals with lived experience to enhance the support offered.

Areas of support will include:

The type of support the service will be expected to provide includes:

- Support with understanding and managing sensory processing issues
- Providing adapted psychological therapies to meet the needs of the individuals accessing support (this may include art, play, music, and animal therapy)
- Support individuals with understanding their identity (in relation to autism, neurodiversity, sexuality, and gender etc.)
- Autism specialist strategies and skill development around issues such as, but not limited to, executive functioning, problem solving, communication, relationships, socialising, behaviour, and sleep.
- Peer to peer support (for individuals and their families) to offer advice and knowledge from a lived experience perspective.
- Joint working with other teams/service to support the better understanding of an individual's needs 'through an autism lens' - this may include, but isn't limited to, CAMHS teams, adult mental health teams and eating disorder teams etc.
- Offer consultation and development support to other teams/services to improve their understanding of autism, ultimately resulting in a better experience and outcomes for autistic people accessing those services.'

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

A 10-day voluntary standstill period was observed by the Authority prior to entering into the contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-021612](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Title

All Age Autism Outreach Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HCRG Care Services Limited

The Heath Business and Technical Park

Runcorn

WA7 4QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,153,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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