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Contract

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board-Youth Worker Service

NHS BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET, SWINDON AND WILTSHIRE
INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET, SWINDON AND WILTSHIRE
INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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Chippenham

SN151GG

Email

bswicb.procurementadvice@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

NHS Organisation Data Service

92G

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://bsw.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

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board-Youth Worker Service

Reference number

W223028/ BSWICB0119

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The service places Youth Workers in wards and clinics at the 3 Acute hospitals, playing a crucial role in supporting Children and Young People aged 11-25 years with Long Term Conditions and displaying low -medium level mental health issues.

The Youth Workers provide a holistic, compassionate and trauma informed approach, having the time to begin to forge trusting relationships with the CYP that clinical staff may not be able to due to capacity, experience and perceived barriers of uniformed services.

This contract is for a period of 12 months from 01/04/26 to 31/03/27 with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

This Notice has been published 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: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £304,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Youth Workers at Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board ("the ICB") is directly awarding a contract to the existing provider Swindon mentoring and self help youth project in accordance with the criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The youth worker service will through early intervention and prevention reduce re-

attendance in ED for less complex patients

- Through early intervention and prevention reduce re-admissions to hospital
- Improved clinical experience for CYP
- Provide an integrated "handholding" support service to access longer term provider led or community based support and/or CYP mental health services.
- Improve the overall hospital experience for CYP and their families/carers
- Timely access to appropriate interventions and successful engagement in collaborative community and statutory services for improved mental and emotional well-being.
- Reduction in subsequent medical appointments missed
- Increased CYP adherence to treatment plans and subsequent improvement in initial/primary presented health condition
- Increased time for clinical staff & CAMHS/AWP to focus on the medical needs of patients
- Through early intervention improve the mental wellbeing of engaging CYP
- Increased knowledge, empathy and understanding of working with CYP for clinical and hospital staff, through close working with and upskilling of hospital staff colleagues resulting in the clinical teams fully understanding the youth worker role, service, referral pathway options and benefits.
- Reduce unwarranted variation and therefore improve health comes for CYP across BSW
- Work in an integrated way with all stakeholders to improve the support provided for CYP and reduce the inequalities/inequity CYP face.

Direct Award C has been used for the award of this contract. The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract. The services provided are the service specification are not changing considerably

The Commissioner made the decision of directly awarding the incumbent provider Swindon mentoring and self help youth project

in accordance with the following five criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023:

- Quality and innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

The authority is assured that the current provider is delivering this service and outcomes to a satisfactory level and meeting the needs of the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Population

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £304,000.

The Contract is for 2 years from 1st April 2026 - 31st March 2028.

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 and The Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 24th February 2026 (8 working days following publication of intention to award notice). This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

This Notice has been published by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Youth Workers at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Lot No

2

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- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

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The Commissioner made the decision of directly awarding the incumbent

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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:

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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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 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

SWINDON MENTORING AND SELF HELP YOUTH PROJECT

Swindon

SN2 1RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK14 - Swindon

Companies House

04626164

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £115,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £304,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £152,000

Proportion: 50 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Swindon mentoring and self help youth project will subcontract part of Lot 1 RUH Hospital to Off the Record, in line with its existing arrangements.

The Pilot scheme places Youth Workers within wards and clinics across the three Acute hospitals. These Youth Workers play a vital role in supporting Children and Young People (CYP) aged 11-25 who have Long Term Conditions and are experiencing low to medium level mental health needs.

They offer a holistic, compassionate and trauma informed approach, with the time and space to begin building trusting relationships with CYP-something clinical staff may find challenging due to capacity pressures, differing levels of experience, and the perceived barriers associated with uniformed services.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The award was approved by the BSW CYP Oversight Delivery Group in January 2026, and by BSW ICB Executive Management Group in February 2026.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

The current incumbent, Swindon mentoring and self help youth project , meets and in some cases exceeds the requirements. The provider is currently meeting the required outcomes within the contract. They offer good value for money and are meeting activity expectations.

Key criteria around the decision was based on the results of the impact report created at 9 and 16 months; the benefit to the acute trusts collected in staff feedback and patient feedback; the referral numbers to the service increasing over time; and the positive feedback received from patients on the support received to understand and manage their

conditions.

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Written representations can be sent to bswicb.procurementadvice@nhs.net

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Chippenham

Country

United Kingdom