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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

Jenner House, Unit E3, Langley Park, Avon Way

Chippenham

SN151GG

#### **Email**

[bswicb.procurementadvice@nhs.net](mailto: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

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## 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

W223025/ BSWICB0118

#### 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.

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

This contract is for a period of 24 months from 01/04/26 to 31/03/28

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: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £152,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

#### **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 Barnardo's Services Limited 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 Barnardo's Services Limited 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 £152,000.

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.

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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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The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 24th 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: No

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## **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**

Barnardo's Services Limited

Barnardo House, Tanners Lane,

Ilford

IG6 1QG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Companies House

01227919

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: £152,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £152,000

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## **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, Barnado's Services Limited, 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](mailto: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