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Hospital Education Reintegration Service

Bath and North East Somerset Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.bathnes.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

Hospital Education Reintegration Service

Reference number

DN570538

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The aim of the Hospital Education Reintegration Service is to ensure that children and young people, who cannot attend mainstream school because of health needs, are able to access good quality education.

The service will work with schools to help them understand their responsibilities for and best practice in supporting children with medical needs. This should ensure that the support offered from the home school is as effective as possible, reducing the need to refer to HERS.

Should a referral to the service be necessary, the school and service will work in close partnership in the best interests of the student and to facilitate successful reintegrated as soon as possible. The HERS is not viewed as a preferable long term alternative to mainstream education provision.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £1,407,190 / Highest offer: £3,854,886 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend contract by up to a further 24 months, beyond the initial 4 year term

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

An open tender process was undertaken. One tender was received but this was rejected as non-compliant; it did not deliver the requirements of the specification around delivery of a blended learning offer (i.e. a combination of face to face, virtual and online learning opportunities).

Following negotiation with an alternative provider, who had engaged previously, but did not submit a bid, contract award has been agreed.

The provider had not submitted a bid, as they did not believe they could deliver the service within the financial envelope set by the Authority. During negotiation it became apparent that the provider had not taken into account the income element associated with delivery of the contract. Once this had been appropriately factored in the provider was able to confirm a contract price within the financial envelope.

The Council will fund one-off capital (IT) costs where required for set-up of the service, with contract dependent upon the capacity of the service, as detailed in the original Invitation to Tender. Following engagement with the Department of Education the capacity of the service was capped to 110 placements.

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

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

DN570538

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

The Partnership Trust

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BA3 3AL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1,407,190 / Highest offer: £3,854,886 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Bath

Country

United Kingdom