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Contract

Substance Misuse All-Age Recovery Coordination Service (AARCS)

Essex County Council

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-013107

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045461

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKH3 - Essex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.essex.gov.uk>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Substance Misuse All-Age Recovery Coordination Service (AARCS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Essex County Council (ECC) commissioned an All Age Recovery Co- ordination Service (AARCS) for people with substance misuse issues in 2016. AARCS provides the backbone of the substance misuse treatment system in Essex. This is a holistic recovery service which moves people out of substance misusing by ensuring that their physical, psychological, social and employment needs are met with a planned programme of sequenced activities.

This service was contracted under an initial term of five years with an option to extend for a further two years, therefore, resulting in a maximum duration of seven years.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

84

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2099/S 001-999999](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

ECC1000220

Title

All Age Recovery Coordination Service

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

24 October 2016

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

The Children's Society

Whitecross Studios, 50 Banner Street

London

EC1Y 8ST

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

221124

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Open Road Visions

12 North Hill

Colchester

CO1 1DZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1019915

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £13,040,275.11

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) contract modification notice, under 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. This contract has now been formally modified.

In line with the specified NHS England guidance regarding supporting evidence for PSR transparency notices, please be advised that the Council's decision maker who approved this contract extension was the Director of Wellbeing Public Health and Communities with guidance from the Council's Head of Wellbeing and Public Health.

Please note that the specified reference number for the contract award notice is a dummy reference in line with the NHS England guidance for services whereby no reference number is available.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

The Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

The All Age Recovery Co-ordination Service (AARCS) is a fully integrated service for both adults and young people needing support with alcohol and or drug dependence. AARCS provides a broad range of community-based support and interventions, including engagement with wider partner agencies to aid and enhance sustained recovery, including criminal justice, housing, education, training, employment and mentoring support.

AARCS also makes a significant contribution to ECC's commitment to safety, for example, delivering advice and education to children and young people, as well as other preventative approaches to break the cycle of inter-generational dependency, thereby interrupting the supply and demand for drugs, and in turn reducing the risk of those being drawn into offending behaviour and/ or criminal exploitation. Importantly, the Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRRs), a community treatment order for drug misusing offenders is delivered by this service and provides an important element of both community safety and the effective rehabilitation of offenders.

The model for delivery of the service supports the Council's commitment to place based working. Providing peripatetic support, from satellite and co located settings across the County to deliver community based interventions which can be adapted and flexed to meet the specific needs of individuals and groups within the local area.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

6

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£978,775

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The Council has secured governance approval to enact a contract extension for the AARCS service for a period of six (6) months, commencing on 1 April 2024, at a maximum total cost of £978,775.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The proposed extension of six (6) months will avoid the potential risk of a break in service delivery of the service which would be detrimental to the needs of vulnerable adults experiencing alcohol and drug dependence, as well as other multiple and complex needs, who are unable to navigate complex service pathways without support; this would result in their needs escalating, and creating undue pressure on costly public health services who do not have the capacity or expertise/experience to provide support.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £978,775

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £14,919,051