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Contract

## **Social Wellbeing Service**

WAKEFIELD COUNCIL

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c8ab

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE45 - Wakefield

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Social Wellbeing Service

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKE45 - Wakefield

Main site or place of performance

The Wakefield District

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

The tender process was undertaken as a 'open' light touch regime process and was evaluated against pre-determined evaluation criteria which were published in the Council's tender documents. Selection criteria were used to allow the Council to identify organisations with sufficient capacity and capability to deliver the Contract.

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

Duration in months

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

2016/S 232-423065

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

29 November 2016

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

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

Nova Wakefield District Ltd

Wakefield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE45 - Wakefield

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £2,592,444

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Wakefield Council

Wakefield

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKE45 - Wakefield

Main site or place of performance

Wakefield District

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The tender process was undertaken as a 'open' light touch regime process and was evaluated against pre-determined evaluation criteria which were published in the Council's tender documents. Selection criteria were used to allow the Council to identify organisations with sufficient capacity and capability to deliver the Contract.

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

Duration in months

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£2,592,444

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

Nova Wakefield District Ltd

Wakefield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE45 - Wakefield

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **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 social wellbeing service requires collaboration between the Council, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the 7 Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in the Wakefield District. The service requirements changed during the course of the Contract term due to the introduction of Social Prescribing Link Workers attached to each PCN. The Service Provider has to manage those staff to integrate the referrals from GPs as well as those referrals made directly from the public.

During the course of 2022 the CCG transferred to the ICB, and belatedly confirmed they would take on commissioning responsibility of stroke reviews which formed part of the current Contract. The ICB confirmed they would lead on commissioning stroke reviews from April 2023 but delays occurred in confirming how the service would be provided and

the transitional arrangements of the service transfer. Additionally, due to post Covid front line priorities, both the ICB and the 7 PCNs could not contribute to the new specification requirements despite the service requiring a collaborative approach by the 3 organisations to determine Specification priorities. Despite the delay caused by this lack of input the Council did carry out a stakeholder engagement exercise so it would be poised to complete a fully informed specification once the ICB and the PCNs confirmed their positions and requirements for the future service.

The delay in obtaining a revised specification created the need to enter a short-term extension to allow a procurement process using the Open Procedure (Light Touch Regime). To try to obtain a new provider for 6 months would cause the Council significant cost and would not be practical due to the nature of the services provided.

An alternative provider would not have an established self-management programme nor an existing infrastructure for referrals with the 7 Primary Care Networks in the District. This would require substantial additional contract management at additional cost/time to the Council to ensure cohesion with other services/pathways available or previously used by patient/residents or GP practices. The integration with social prescribing link workers would also create avoidable monitoring and duplication of management resources. To continue the service provision with the current provider will ensure that scarce resources are used appropriately and that the appropriate service is offered for all patients/residents whilst the service is re-procured

Although the permitted extension period has expired the modification is permitted under Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. It remains necessary that Nova continue to provide the service. A change in contractor cannot be made for economic and technical reasons and to attempt to request another provider to provide a service for 6 months

would not be achievable and would result in significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs.

The increase in the price of the 7th Variation of £239,209.50 to the Contract does not exceed 50% of the original contract value (£895,890.45).

## **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

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would take on commissioning responsibility of stroke reviews which formed part of the current Contract. The ICB confirmed they would lead on commissioning stroke reviews from April 2023 but delays occurred in confirming how the service would be provided and the transitional arrangements of the service transfer. Additionally, due to post Covid front line priorities, both the ICB and the 7 PCNs could not contribute to the new specification requirements despite the service requiring a collaborative approach by the 3 organisations to determine Specification priorities. Despite the delay caused by this lack of input the Council did carry out a stakeholder engagement exercise so it would be poised to complete a fully informed specification once the ICB and the PCNs confirmed their positions and requirements for the future service.

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### **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: £2,592,444

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £3,207,514.92