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Contract

## **The provision of The Early Help Eating Disorder Service**

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-014197

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-033e1a

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Hertfordshire County Council

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

The provision of The Early Help Eating Disorder Service

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is an Award Notice following a failed tender procedure for The Provision of The Early Help Eating Disorder Service in Hertfordshire.

### **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: £1,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is an Award Notice. Hertfordshire County Council have awarded a contract for The Provision of the Early Help Eating Disorder Service in Hertfordshire.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is the option to extend the Contract for up to 24 months (2 x 12 months extensions).

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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:

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) went out to tender for The Provision of the Early Help Eating Disorder Service in Hertfordshire in October 2021 (Publication Reference 2021/S 000-025737 dated 14th October 2021). Despite significant interest shown at the extremely well attended PPME Event in June 2021, no bids were received as a result of the tender process.

The on-going effect of the Covid 19 Pandemic has seen an unprecedented rise in the number of Children and Young people (CYP) presenting with an eating disorder. This rise has shown no sign of slowing down to date and services have seen an increase in the number of CYP presenting with an eating disorder. This increase is being seen nationally, with some services reporting a doubling of referrals.

Due to the failed tender exercise (as no bids were received) and increased demand for this service HCC progressed with the option of a direct award.

HCC engaged with possible providers for this service in a manner that treated them equally and without discrimination, however only one provider provided a full proposal that met the requirements (which were the same as those initially sought under the failed procurement). As only one proposal was provided and was suitable, HCC is of the view that the contract award is in compliance with Regulation 32(2)(a).

From market feedback we understand that due to the increased demand for this type of service, providers were unable to commit to taking on an additional Contract at this time.

The Contract will be for 2 years with the option for extend for up to 24 months (2 x 12 months). The value stated include the value of any possible extensions.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

20 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

First Steps ED

Woburn House, Vernongate,

Derby

DE1 1UL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF11 - Derby

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court, Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court, Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom