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Contract

## **Children and Young People's Autism and ADHD Assessment Waiting List Initiative**

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

PEMBERTON HOUSE COLIMA AVENUE SUNDERLAND ENTERPRISE PARK

Sunderland

SR53XB

#### **Email**

[nencicb.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb.procurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.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**

Children and Young People's Autism and ADHD Assessment Waiting List Initiative

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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The recent increased unanticipated demand for this service provision has coincided with unforeseeable challenges in relation to recruitment and retention of workforce, as well as a greater request for diagnosis to be sought to support access to education and social

provision. This increase has seen demand outstrip capacity across the NENC ICB regional footprint, resulting in the need to work with other non-NHS partners and providers of Autism and ADHD Assessment Services to address the long waits which exist in some localities.

Therefore, in line with Regulation 14 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023,

The Owl Centre will work with the existing NHS commissioned Autism and ADHD Assessment and Diagnosis Services (and ICB commissioners) to identify the cohort of children and young people who will be offered the following;

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in order to address the current waiting list.

Regulation 14 has been applied because the urgency was not foreseeable by and not attributable to the relevant authority.

Regulation 14 has been applied because delaying the award of the contract would be likely to pose a risk to patient or public safety.

Details of individual making decisions:

Chief Delivery Officer NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

There were no conflicts of interest identified

This award may include future modifications to increase activity and value.

#### **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: £300,000

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

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

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The contract start date is 25 March 2025 for 12 months with a contract end date of 24 March 2026

The award or modification needs be made urgently.

- The reason for the urgency was not foreseeable by and is not attributable to the relevant authority.
- Delaying the award to conduct a full application of the Regime would be likely to pose a significant unknown risk to patient or public safety due to lengths of waits for assessment.

Urgent award is required due to increased demand and increased waiting times for both Autism and ADHD assessments for children and young people, post- pandemic. This is a waiting list initiative using non-recurrent funding and will not continue following 12 months.

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

Price

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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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#### **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**

25 March 2025

#### **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**

The OWL Centre

Cheltenham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1191239

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: £300,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

## Section VI. Complementary information

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

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

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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