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## **NHS South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw ICS: Individual Placement Support (IPS) - VEAT**

NHS Sheffield CCG

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKE3 - South Yorkshire

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nhssourcing.co.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**

NHS South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw ICS: Individual Placement Support (IPS) - VEAT

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

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The overall vision for the Individual Placement and Support Service (the Service) is to reduce health inequalities and enable people with severe and enduring mental health problems to be able to enjoy a good quality of life, remain independent and in control, be included as members of society and, most importantly, realise their potential for recovery. The Service will deliver an integrated, evidence-based, supported employment service for people with

severe and enduring mental health issues, following the principles of IPS and in pursuit of a high fidelity service.

### **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: £321,381

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

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

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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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:

Provision of an Individual Placement Support (IPS) for Serious Mental Illness service

The IPS model of place and support into employment is a nationally recognised and evidenced based methodology, and is part of the national requirements outlined within the MH Long Term Plan for all CCGs to commission such support.

The IPS service contract delivered by South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA), comes to an end on 1st September 2021. This contract was originally funded through a bid made by the ICS to NHSE for regional roll out. All SYB ICS CCGs committed in principle to continue to invest into IPS at the end of this funding period.

It is recognised that the covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the delivery of this model nationally, as there was a negative impact on referrals noted. Workers in Community Mental Health Teams were redeployed into pandemic urgent work, and therefore, this main referral route ceased whilst CMHT staff were deployed to support crisis and inpatient pathways.

As lockdown restrictions eased, SYHA as the provider of IPS has been able to improve service delivery and have been able to commence a recovery plan.

As part of recent bids for continued funding for the Primary Care Mental Health implementation, all CCGs had to complete a return to NHSE to commit to continued funding for the IPS.

As part of this commitment it had been to undertake an independent evaluation, funded by ICS of the IPS service model, to see if there are lessons to be learned when looking beyond the current contract.

However, given the impact of the pandemic, it was recognised that an evaluation could not yet take place to give enough evidence and information on how the IPS service could

function in non-pandemic times.

If this contract were to be retendered at this time it is felt by Commissioners that a combination of having an unclear expectation of the future requirements of the service, combined with historical data that was affected by the Covid pandemic, would make it very difficult for bidders to respond to with an accurate bid.

All ICS CCG leads have given a clear intention to continue to commit to IPS and that the current contract be extended until March 2022 to enable a review of delivery with robust data in post pandemic times.

This will enable a suitable period of evaluation to occur which will inform the requirements of a future tender for all CCGs, to continue delivery of an IPS service from 1st April 2022.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 June 2021

#### **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**

South Yorkshire Housing Association

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE32 - Sheffield

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £321,381

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS England

Rotherham

Country

United Kingdom