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Contract

## **Leaving Care Counselling & Psychotherapy Service (Suicide Prevention)**

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-014405

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0500de

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

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

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

Laycock PDC, Laycock Street

London

N1 1TH

#### **Email**

[nclicb.nclcontractqueries@nhs.net](mailto:nclicb.nclcontractqueries@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board>

#### **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**

Leaving Care Counselling & Psychotherapy Service (Suicide Prevention)

Reference number

C353450

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

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

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

Services

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

Leaving Care Psychotherapy Service (Suicide Prevention) / • Proposal to continue the Islington Psychotherapy Support for Care Leavers including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Young People post.

- Established in Islington in 2021 as a pilot led by local VCS partner, The Brandon Centre, the post provides additional support to care leavers aged 18-25 years old both directly or indirectly, through consultation and training.

- The aim of this post holder is to support 12-15 young people per year within Islington. As part of the offer, young people receive 16-20 sessions of integrative psychotherapy, which is goal-based and tailored to individual needs.
- Goals can be a mix of practical/behavioural (start exercising), relational (improve my relationships / reduce arguments), or more emotion-related (improve my mood / reduce my anxiety) goals.
- To date the pilot has demonstrated a reduction in depression and anxiety scores for services users.
- The funding would continue the 1.0 WTE post which is split across Haringey, Camden and Islington. The post sits with Islington for 1.5 days a week.

#### **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: £19,570

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Main site or place of performance

Provision of service in London Borough of Haringey and Islington

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

The notice relates to Leaving Care Psychotherapy Service (Suicide Prevention) / • Proposal to continue the Islington Psychotherapy Support for Care Leavers including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Young People post.

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This notice is an intention to award a contract to the existing provider following direct award process C.

The lifetime value of the contract is £19,570.

The expiring contract ends 31/03/2025.

The contract term will be 1 year with no option to extend.

The contract will start on 01/04/2025 and end 31/03/2026.

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

Price

### **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

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to 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. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 25 April 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### **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**

4 April 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**

Brandon Centre

26 Prince Of Wales Road, Kentish Town, London, NW5 3LG

London

NW5 3LG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £19,570

Lowest offer: £19,570 / Highest offer: £19,570 taken into consideration

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 25 April 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Written representations should be sent to [nclcb.nclcontractqueries@nhs.net](mailto:nclcb.nclcontractqueries@nhs.net)

- The decision to award the contract was made by the Chief Strategy & Population Health Officer.

- No declarations of actual, or potential interests by those officers involved in this decision.

- The incumbent provider has delivered the following key criteria

- 1: Quality and Innovation with a value of 30% by achieving the contractual KPIs,

- 2: Value with a score of 20% by providing a service that is value for money compared to other providers,

- 3: Integration, collaboration and service sustainability with a value of 20% by collaborative working within the local system,

- 4: Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice with a value of 20% by reducing health inequalities,

- 5: Social Value with a value of 10% by ensuring the provider is meeting London Living Wage (LLW).

The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard.

The authority has selected and weighted the above key criteria in line with the perceived importance of each of the criterion. The provider has been selected based on the combined scores which confirms the providers ability to continue to fulfil the contract in line with PSR - Direct Award Process C.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

NHS London Commercial Hub

UNEX Tower 5 Station Street

London

E15 1DA

Country

United Kingdom