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Contract

## **Individual Placement Support Service to Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board**

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050165

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

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

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Chippenham

#### **Email**

[donnaharrington@nhs.net](mailto:donnaharrington@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

#### **NHS Organisation Data Service**

92G

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://bsw.icb.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**

Individual Placement Support Service to Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Reference number

BSWICB0055

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

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

Services

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

Individual placement and support (IPS) is an evidence-based model of supported employment. It has been rigorously trialled and has consistently outperformed all other tested forms of support for job seekers with severe and enduring mental health problems. The implementation of IPS has been part of the NHS Long Term Plan and preceding strategies for national mental health improvement for over 9 years and is a fundamental part of the ongoing transformation of community mental health (CMH) services.

This Direct Award is for a 12 month continuation of IPS services across BSW, whilst a competitive procurement (to include expansion in to Primary Care) is undertaken in 2025/26.

#### **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: £710,995

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board ("the ICB") is directly awarding a contract to the existing provider Waythrough in accordance with the criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 whilst commissioners undertake a competitive procurement.

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In 2019 NHSE launched IPS Grow in partnership with Social Finance, a not-for-profit organisation to implement this expansion. IPS Grow have developed national standards and guidelines and provided technical support and resources to IPS service providers. The majority of services focus on people with severe mental illness, but there are also services for those with drug and alcohol addiction and for people with other health issues. They work with a range of employment specialist, mental health experts and academics to support people with severe mental illness to find or stay in employment. The latest phase of the programme will run until 2029.

IPS consists of intensive, individual support aiming to help people to gain and retain paid, competitive employment. Integrated within clinical teams, employment specialists challenge limiting beliefs about patients' capacity to work and promote and help secure work to help recovery.

The principles of IPS are:

1. Finding paid secure employment
2. Eligibility for anyone who wants to work
3. Integration of IPS with mental health or other clinical services

4. Finding the client's choice of job
5. Accurate advice on earnings and benefits
6. Beginning the job search quickly
7. Meeting employers and developing jobs
8. In-work support for as long as required

The contract is for 12 months (1st April'25 - 31st March'26) with an anticipated contract value of £710,995.

This notice has been published by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: 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:

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 25/04/2025. 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: No

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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**

24 February 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**

Waythrough

Durham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Companies House

1820492

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £710,995

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The decision to award was made by the ICBs Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive in line with ICB Governance. No declared conflicts, or potential conflicts were raised.

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Representations should be sent to [donnaharrington@nhs.net](mailto:donnaharrington@nhs.net)

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

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

Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Chippenham

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United Kingdom