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Contract

Independent Patient Advocacy Services

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0656ea

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Patient Advocacy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of a high quality, confidential and timely Independent Patient Advocacy Services and Independent Mental Health Advocacy Services for adults, children and young people (aged 13-18) in secure and specialised services. On occasion, services will also be provided to Community Children and Adolescence Mental Health Services.

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: £1,240,004

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a high quality, confidential and timely Independent Patient Advocacy Services and Independent Mental Health Advocacy Services for adults, children and young people (aged 13-18) in secure and specialised services. On occasion, services will also be provided to Community Children and Adolescence Mental Health Services.

The service provided to patients is free at the point of delivery, impartial and confidential. Advocates will ensure individual patients rights are safeguarded across Rampton Hospital, Arnold Lodge, Wathwood Hospital, in-patient services at The Wells Road Centre and The Lookout at Hopewood.

The Trust intends to award the contract to the existing provider following direct award process C;

Lifetime value of the contract is£1,240,040.

The services are intended to be provided between 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2029.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 02/03/2026. 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

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

17 February 2026

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

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

National registration number

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Internet address

<http://together-uk.org>

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: £1,240,004

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,240,004

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Any communication relating to the award of this contract should be sent to Louise.landreth@nottshc.nhs.uk

The award decision was made by the Forensic Senior Leadership Team. No conflicts of interest were identified in the award of this contract.

Together for Mental Wellbeing have been the successful provider at the last three competitive tenders, based on experience, quality, performance and value for money.

This provider has extensive experience of working into secure settings, established patient relationships and understands the individual needs / challenges with our patient cohorts.

During 2025/26, the Provider supported the Trust with its Financial Improvement Plans and working in partnership to achieve a 10% reduction in the overall contract value.

The Provider continues to consistently meet the KPIs, with the exception of one, which is outside of the Provider's sphere of control and is reliant on Care Units effectively communicating date changes for Community Meetings.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom