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Contract

## **The provision of The Early Help Digital Intervention Service**

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-014771

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034059

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

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

Hertfordshire County Council

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

The provision of The Early Help Digital Intervention Service

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is an Award Notice following a failed tender procedure for the Provision of The Early Help Digital Intervention Service in Hertfordshire.

### **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: £1,600,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

This is an Award Notice. Hertfordshire County Council have awarded a contract for The Provision of the Early Help Digital Intervention Service in Hertfordshire, following an unsuccessful procurement in October 2021 for which there were no bids.

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

Price

### **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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

Following systemic concerns about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on mental ill health and people with learning disabilities, Niche consultancy was commissioned to undertake a demand and capacity review to help us understand potential impact due to suppressed and additional demand, with recommendations how this could be mitigated. Included in their recommendations was to substantially increase the investment in and prominence of early help intervention and resilience support for children and young people.

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) went out to tender for The Provision of the Early Help Digital Intervention Service in Hertfordshire in October 2021 (Publication Reference 2021/S 000-025737 dated 14th October 2021). Despite significant interest shown at the extremely well attended PPME Event in June 2021, no bids were received as a result of the tender process.

Due to the failed tender exercise and increased demand for this service HCC progressed with the option of a direct award.

HCC engaged with possible providers for this service in a manner that treated them equally and without discrimination, however only one provider was deemed to fulfil the Early Help Digital Intervention service specification and was asked to provide a full proposal that met the requirements (which were the same as those initially sought under the failed procurement). As only one proposal was provided and was suitable, HCC is of the view that the contract award is in compliance with Regulation 32(2)(a).

The Contract will be for 2 years with the option for extend for up to 24 months. The value stated include the value of any extension.

#### 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**

20 May 2022

#### **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**

Herts Mind Network

Watford Wellbeing Centre, 501 St Albans Road

Watford

WD24 7RZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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: £1,600,000

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

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 27 %

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court, Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom