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## **Provision of Psychological Support to the Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service**

Wirral Community Health & Care Trust

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-014912

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0450b2

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

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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Provision of Psychological Support to the Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Weight Management Service requires a psychological therapist who provides support to patients who are registered with the service in the form of CBT to meet the Nice Guidance criteria for a tier 3 service. Audit has evidenced the benefit of this service to patients in terms of learning, weight loss, eating and activity habits and recognising triggers. Patients felt motivated to lose weight and were able to identify strategies, tools, and techniques to manage lapses.

When the Weight Management Service started, local NHS organisations were approached to provide cover through an SLA. Unfortunately, this was not possible to arrange because they were unable to offer any hours. The Bariatric Service had previously worked with Beacon to provide psychological support. The Bariatric Service had also worked with another trust, but this was not so successful and experienced several issues. The Weight Management Service had not recruited to this role because the service was initially for 12 months. As the role is part time it would be difficult to recruit to internally and the Trust does not have the ability to provide the clinical supervision for this post as it is not a mental health service provider. NICE Guidance advises that the psychological therapist input must have an interest in obesity.

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-011462](#)

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

VI.3

Instead of

Text

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 decision makers by 19/04/2024 to [heather.thornton5@nhs.net](mailto:heather.thornton5@nhs.net)

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Read

Text

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under 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. This contract has now been formally awarded using direct award process C.'

Date of contract award April 2024 until March 2026

Lifetime value of the contract is £48,000