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## **Framework VCSOs/SMEs Contracts (re-opening PDPS) for NHS Mid and South Essex ICB**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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

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

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Procurement Manager

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**National registration number**

99E

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**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**

Framework VCSOs/SMEs Contracts (re-opening PDPS) for NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

Reference number

ACE-0780-2024-MSE

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

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

Services

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (herein referred to as the 'Authority') seeks suitably qualified Providers for the establishment of this Framework Agreement for the provision of Voluntary Sector and Specialist SME Contracts in Mid and South Essex (previously referred to as the 'Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System PDPS').

The overarching contract period of this Framework Agreement is from the 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2028 (a total of 4-years), with this Tranche 2 (the re-opening of the framework) period from the 18/06/2025 – 17/06/2026. The Framework will re-open on annual basis, as outlined in the tender documentation.

The key objectives of this Framework Agreement (FA) are to:

- Establish a compliant contracting mechanism to allow the Authority to quickly source appropriate, suitable, capable providers to deliver place-based services.
- To establish an Approved Provider List of providers who have met and continue to meet the Authority's minimum selection criteria over the term of the FA.
- To establish a transparent Call-Off and Award Procedure that can be adapted to the individual requirements of each Call-Off contract whereby the Authority can effectively narrow the pool of eligible providers from the Approved Provider List to those most appropriate and capable to be Invited to Tender based on pre-published Categories.

The scope of services is a range of purpose led, place-based, supplementary community services that are uniquely suited to the Voluntary sector and small-to-medium-enterprises (SMEs). The framework aims to enable NHS MSE ICB to develop a process that will support the community and voluntary organisations of any size to have a governance process in place to support with future commissioning and best utilise funding as it is available. The framework aims to enable Commissioners to best distribute funding and commission services at pace, particularly during seasonal pressures, and to cover a wide range of support services within the MSE geographical footprint. Services in this FA include Locality Specific Community Services, Voluntary Sector Specialised Services, Supplementary Community Services (Adults and Children's Services), and Supplementary Mental Health Services across the Mid and South Essex geography.

This FA has no activity guarantee, with a minimum contract value of £0.00 per annum. This notice has reflected a minimum value of £1.00 due to an error on this form which prevents the true figure of £0.00 per annum being illustrated in Section II.1.7) of this form. The minimum contract value of £0.00 pa and maximum indicative aggregate contract value £500million. This indicative value was calculated by using the Authority's actual annual spend across a wide range of voluntary, small and medium-sized enterprises, specialist and locality specific purpose led services across the entire geography of Mid and South Essex. The Authority aims to procure such services via this FA (once it is established). Any services that do not align with the aims and objectives of this PDPS will be procured outside of this FA, in strict accordance with the Regulations.

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#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex Health Economy

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Commissioning Board (NHS MSE ICB) is seeking to establish a Framework Agreement (FA) for the provision for small and medium enterprises (SME)s, Voluntary Sector Charity Organisations (VSCOs), and organisations who could deliver purpose led services within the Mid and South Essex ICB localities.

This FA will be for a 4-year period from 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2028.

Under this FA the Authority may look to award a Call-Off Contract of between a minimum of 3 and maximum 24 months to a provider who has been pre-approved and gained entry onto the Approved Provider List. The headline mechanisms for undertaking a Call Off Procedure under this FA are set out later in the procurement pack and will be detailed within each Call-Off Invitation to Tender (ITT).

In order to be accepted onto the FA, all Bidders responding to the Stage 1: Request to Participate will complete the mandatory Selection Questionnaire, Qualification and Technical envelopes within the e-procurement portal. The Authority aims to open the FA each year to allow for new providers to Request to Participate, complete the mandatory questionnaires and onboard onto the FA.

All potential Bidders who wish to join the FA must provide information about their proposed ability to provide the Service that is the subject of this FA, in relation to the following 'Categories' of information. The Authority will use a Filtering Process (described in Document 7) based on the information that Providers have submitted and evaluation of their SQ response, as well as any updates to such information from time to time, to identify all potential suitable PDPS Providers for the Call-Off Contract in question.

The Contracting Authority intends to reopen this FA on the following dates April 26, April 27. All relevant details pertaining to this FA are expressed within the procurement documentation that is available at <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>. Potential Bidders can apply to be added to the FA until such time it is terminated. It should be noted that the dates are expected dates at the time of issuing this FA and may be subject to change. All details will be contained within the tender documentation and will be issued upon each new round.

Please Note: Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken by you in relation to any procurement activity is a matter solely for your own commercial judgment.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

18 June 2025

End date

17 June 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Framework will re-open annually, please see procurement documentation available for free at <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>. All details will be contained within the tender documentation and will be issued upon each new round.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

The Basic Selection Criteria relating to suitability to pursue the professional activity is as stated in the procurement documents (that can be found at <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html> . Click on 'Register here' and follow the onscreen instructions. The relevant documentation will be available within the 'itt\_166- VCSO & Specialist SME Contracts for NHS MSE ICB (PDPS Framework Tranche 2)" project.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

All relevant details pertaining to this Framework Agreement is as stated in the procurement documents (that can be found at <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html> . Click on 'Register here' and follow the onscreen instructions. The relevant documentation will be available within the 'itt\_166- VCSO & Specialist SME Contracts for NHS MSE ICB (PDPS Framework Tranche 2)" project.

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-005460](#)

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

14 May 2025

Local time

5:30pm

#### IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 May 2025

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract 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.

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

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

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