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Award

Paediatric Speech Language & Communication Therapy Services

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d0a5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKD62 - Cheshire East

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/home.aspx>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Paediatric Speech Language & Communication Therapy Services

Reference number

1398

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121291 - Paediatric services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Speech Language Communication Therapy (SLCN) Services for children and young people through integrating health NHS and local authority service pathways.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £1,750,000 / Highest offer: £2,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

Main site or place of performance

Within the borough of Cheshire East.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Community Services delivered from the 2 hospitals located within the borough. The Council has a statutory duty to provide SLCN services under the Children's and Families Act 2014 Part 3. This service supports children with SEN/D with services that support their education outcomes, this would include a paediatric speech, language and communication service.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 x 12 month extension is available (01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025) . To be exercised at the sole discretion of the Council.

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:

If we did not place this notice and directly award these contracts, the Council would be in breach of its responsibilities in accordance with Section F of the EHCP, this could risk the Council being involved in costly legal Tribunal cases, and result in spot purchasing arrangements.

It also would reduce the outcomes for children with SEN/D, it would not provide equal access to support. Without this VEAT the Council cannot progress putting the required formal agreement(s) in place and as such, the support of the hospitals/NHS or our ability to monitor / track data would be compromised.

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/concession

Contract No

C2071

Title

SALT (Speech & Language Therapy)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Crewe

CW1 4QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

NHS Organisation Data Service

RBT20

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £907,508

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

C2109

Title

SALT (Speech & Language Therapy)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

East Cheshire NHS Trust

Macclesfield

SK10 3BL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

NHS Organisation Data Service

RJN71

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £987,384

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This VEAT notice is being published to show the Councils intention to award further business to the current providers and to extend the current arrangements until 31st March 2025 or sooner depending upon recommissioning and consultation activities.

It should be noted that the values provided in this notice are the anticipated spend for the new period based on current throughput, however this may be subject to demand changes.

A 10-day stand still period will now be applied from the publication date of this notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Cheshire East Council

Legal Department

Sandbach

CW11 1HZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The council will incorporate a standstill period from the point at which information within

this notification is published. The notification will provide full information on the award decision, the standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, this provides time for organisations to scrutinize the award decision before any contracts are entered into i.e. the end of the standstill period will be 12th June 2023.

Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SINO102) provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or who are at risk of harm by a breach of the regulations to take action in the high court (England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland).