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Contract

## **Specialised Commissioning Retained Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Services (MHLDA)- South West**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-017666

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-050952

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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**

Specialised Commissioning Retained Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Services (MHLDA)- South West

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The contracts being awarded under this notice are for the retained Specialised Mental Health, Learning Disability, and Autism (MHLDA) services:

## Mental Health Services for Deaf Children and Adolescents

### **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: £4,399,080

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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

The contract is to deliver Mental Health Services for Deaf Children and Adolescents

The National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (MHSDCA) is commissioned to provide a highly specialised mental health to deaf children and young people (aged 0 to 18 years) and hearing children of Deaf adults, in both the community and in-patient setting, on behalf of the NHS England for the population of England. MHSDCA is a Highly Specialised Service for Deaf Children Young People and Families. For the purposes of this specification document it will be referred to henceforth as MHSDCA.

The contract started 1st April 2025 and will run for an initial period of 5 years, with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract for up to a further 2 years. The approximate total lifetime value of the initial contract period is estimated to be £3,142,200.00 (Annual value of £628,440.00).

This contract has been awarded following a Direct Award Process A under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. Under these regulations, where there is an existing provider of the service, and the service can only be delivered by

that provider, no other process can be used

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

Cost criterion - Name: No realistic alternative provider / Weighting: 100

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 5 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 years

### **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**

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.

The decision makers for this process were the NHS England's National Commissioning Group.

There were no conflicts of interests declared in reaching the decision to award.

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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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
- absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The contracts being awarded under this notice are for the retained Specialised Mental Health, Learning Disability, and Autism (MHLDA) services, which are provided on a multi-regional footprint and form an essential part of the wider MHLDA care pathway. These contracts have been held by NHS England during 2024/25 and will be awarded on the same basis.

These contracts include multiple interdependent services, reflecting the nature of specialised care. It is therefore understood that there is no alternative provision for these contracts due to the specialised nature of the services and the essential role they play within the wider MHLDA care system.

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, using Direct Award Process A. Under these regulations, where there is an existing provider of the service, and the service can only be delivered by that provider, no other process can be used.

#### 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**

1 April 2025

#### **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**

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Management, Level 1 – Barton House South, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

Somerset

TA1 5DA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

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: £4,399,080

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,399,080

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

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