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Contract

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

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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

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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**

Specialised Commissioning Retained Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Services (MHLDA)- The North 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:

Lot 1: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4:General Adolescent Services including specialist eating disorder services (Under 13s)

Lot 2: Tier 4 Personality Disorder (Adult)

Lot 3: Children's and Young person Mental Health Medium Secure Inpatient service (MSUs) -(Gardner)

Lot 4: Specialised Mental Health Services for Deaf People (Adults) - (John Denmark Unit)

Lot 5: High Secure Mental Health Services (Adult)

Lot 6: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4: General Adolescent Services including specialist eating disorder services (Under 13s) -(Galaxy House)

Lot 7: Secure (adult) (medium and low) - Acquired Brain Injury

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £757,897,000

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1: CAMHS Tier 4:General Adolescent Services including specialist eating diso

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD72 - Liverpool

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

The contract is to deliver Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4:General Adolescent Services including specialist eating disorder services (Under 13s).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health(CAMH) Tier 4 Children's Services deliver specialist in-patient and day-patient care to children who are suffering from severe and/or complex mental health conditions that cannot be adequately treated by community CAMH services.

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 £15,945,000 (Annual value of £3,189,000).

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) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2: Tier 4 Personality Disorder (Adult)

Lot No

2

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

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The contract is to deliver Tier 4 Personality Disorder (Adult) services.

Secure services provide treatment for adults aged 18 years and over with mental disorders, these include mental illness (MI), personality disorder (PD) and neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) including learning disabilities (LD) and autism (ASD).

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 £63,000,000 (Annual value of £12,600,000).

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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3: Children's and Young person Mental Health Medium Secure Inpatient service

Lot No

3

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

The contract is to deliver Children's and Young person Mental Health Medium Secure (MSU)- Inpatient services.

MSUs provide care and treatment within a highly prescribed set of physical, relational, and procedural security measures, to a variety of young people. The secure system for young people in England is complex and there is no 'high secure' environment for children and young people. This means the most complex and vulnerable children and young people will be supported within MSUs. The predominant need for care and treatment will relate to the young person's assessed risk of harm to self and/or others because of their mental health need.

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 £21,105,000 (Annual Value £4,221,000).

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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4: Specialised Mental Health Services for Deaf People (Adults)

Lot No

4

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

The contract is to deliver Specialised Mental Health Services for Deaf People (Adults)

The specialised service is provided to deaf service users who have significant mental health difficulties and have been unable to access culturally appropriate assessment and treatment services, or have not responded to treatments or require inpatient admission for assessment. The service will offer advice and support to care co-ordinators from the service users' home area and may provide consultation and advice via teleconferencing

facilities.

The services provide expertise in the assessment, treatment and recovery of people who are deaf, likely to use British Sign language and have a serious mental health problem. Services may also specialise in the support of those people who are deaf and offend (Secure Services). The service can provide assessment, treatment, and care including long-term rehabilitation and short-term treatment.

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 £11,695,000 (Annual Value £2,339,000).

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) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5: High Secure Mental Health Services (Adult)

Lot No

5

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

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

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

The contract is to deliver High Secure Mental Health Services (Adult).

A specialist psychiatric hospital providing assessment, treatment, and care in conditions of high security for men aged 18 and above and its catchment area covers the Midlands, North Wales and the North West. Ashworth is one of only three high secure psychiatric hospitals in England and Wales, providing assessment and treatment for men with a serious mental illness or personality disorder who are detained under the Mental Health Act and are assessed as presenting a grave risk to others.

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 £377,665,000 (Annual value of £75,533,000).

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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4: General Adolescent Se

Lot No

6

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD33 - Manchester

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

The contract is to deliver Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4: General Adolescent Services including specialist eating disorder services (Under 13s).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) Tier 4 Children's Services deliver specialist in-patient and day-patient care to children who are suffering from severe and/or complex mental health conditions that cannot be adequately treated by community CAMH services.

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 £6,860,000 (Annual value of £1,372,000).

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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 7: Secure (adult) (medium and low) - Acquired Brain Injury

Lot No

7

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

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

The contract is to deliver Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Tier 4: General Adolescent Services including specialist eating disorder services (Under 13s).

The Forensic Brain Injury service at Guild Lodge has inpatient beds that are secure/forensic environments. The Forensic Brain Injury service supports referrals from the whole of England and offers integrated care for individuals who have identified secure care needs associated with a brain injury. This allows better matching of care with

individual patient need in a specialist area where secure forensic brain injury provision is otherwise very limited.

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 £45,085,000 (Annual value of £9,017,000).

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

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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**

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

Prescot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £528,731,000

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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**

Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Liverpool

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD72 - Liverpool

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £22,323,000

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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**

Cygnet Health Care Limited

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £88,200,000

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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**

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £29,547,000

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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**

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,373,000

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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**

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,604,000

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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**

Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

Preston

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £63,119,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) 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.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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