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Contract

Sexual Health - PSR

Cheshire west and Chester Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/>

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

Sexual Health - PSR

Reference number

DN744889

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Integrated Sexual Health Services (ISHS) provide a range of interventions that enable people to experience healthy sexual relationships.

We require a prevention focussed integrated sexual health service that meets the needs of the local population within the borough and minimises the need for residents to travel out of the area; a service that will continually improve education, prevention, testing, treatment and support services in response to a changing environment of sexual health and relationship needs.

The service will improve sexual health by delivering a range of interventions across the life course; with a focused direction of travel towards prevention, building resilience and self-esteem, along with consistently promoting healthy choices. The service will provide open and easy access, cost-effective, high-quality provision for contraception and prevention, diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections (including HIV), according to evidence-based protocols. The service must be responsive to changing needs and emerging trends both locally and nationally – this may include emerging infections, new technologies, changing population profile, and/or changing behaviours.

Access to the service shall be available through various channels, including a digital and face to face clinic offer, in order to effectively respond to the need across the borough and take into account inequalities. The service will need to have approaches for specific client groups as detailed in the specification with an emphasis on self-managed care, prevention and early intervention and reducing risky behaviour wherever possible.

Direct award C has been used. Contract will commence 1st April 2026 for 6 years.

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: £19,849,134

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: the existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice for Direct award C. 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 or Procurement Act 23 do not apply to this award. The standstill period will conclude midnight 14th May. An award notice will be published on or after 15th May.

Decision to award was made by Director of Public Health.

The basic and 5 key criteria were all applied. The provider response was evaluated and all

criteria scored above the required pass rate.

There were no Conflicts of interest identified among the evaluating panel

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 May 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

HCRG Care Services Limited

Runcorn

WA7 4QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,849,134

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representations should be sent to debbie.pitcher@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The evaluation panel consisted of internal Public Health and Commissioning colleagues, an independent subject expert and a representative from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) with procurement moderating the evaluation meeting.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

PSR Review Panel

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Country

United Kingdom