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Contract

## **ENHT & HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments**

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust  
East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

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Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

English

## **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**

ENHT & HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments

Reference number

C249206

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the competitive process.

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (ENHT) have a backlog of children who require an Autism diagnostic assessment. The Trusts are working with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board to outsource some of these children and young people (CYP) in an effort to reduce their waiting time for an assessment and to enable the implementation of a revised diagnostic pathway.

As such, the Trusts have undergone a compliant tender process to award an appropriately qualified company who can complete assessments for CYP over 5 years to assist with the backlog and provide ongoing assessments as required. The Trusts have sought a value for money, high quality service that will be responsive to the needs of the client.

The opportunity is broken down into 4 lots; 2 for each Trust. Two lots require that the provider must have Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians as part of the team.

It is expected that the assessments will be a combination of face to face and virtual assessments (face to face only for 5- and 6-year-olds).

Robust contract management and good effective liaison with the Trust's key contact will be required.

The contract is anticipated to go live summer of 2024 and it is expected that the contract term will be for one year with the option to extend for a further +1 + 1 years.

Throughout the process it was stated the Trusts reserve the right to award a contract to

more than one supplier to meet the capacity demands either at the tender stage or thereafter and that the Trusts would place orders with the most economically viable bidder(s) and their ability to meet the capacity required within each lot.

No assurances were given from either Trust to any provider that they will get any number of orders or guaranteed a minimum or maximum value of orders.

#### **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: £500,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the competitive process.

The Supplier will be required to carry out Autism diagnostic assessments on the cohort of children that is provided to them on behalf of the Trusts, at the scale required and within the timeframes of delivery.

The Supplier will be required to outline where the assessments will take place, whether these will be face to face Autism diagnostic assessments or virtual.

The Supplier will be an expert provider of NICE compliant Autism Diagnostic assessments and will be familiar with all methods and diagnostic tools used. Part of the service will include providing feedback and a completed report to the parents and child/young person, as well as a copy of the final report to the family GP and HCT or ENHT Community Paediatrics team for their records.

The Supplier will provide monthly updates in a format agreed by the Trusts, reporting on completed assessments, summarising the number of children diagnosed, those who have not attended their appointment and those whose assessment has resulted in a non-diagnosis.

The Supplier shall performance monitor their activities/ services to demonstrate that the Services are achieved and where not achieved the extent of any shortfall is identified, reported and acted upon. Detailed supporting information will be made available to the Trusts should it be required, and all reports must be provided in the manner prescribed and in accordance with GDPR legislation, to ensure that the Trusts are able to access

data as and when required.

Upon contract engagement, each of the Trusts will undertake 5 Quality Assurance Assessments to assure standards of assessments and clinical reporting.

This is an existing service and provider.

The service duration is not set and will depend upon the number of CYP cases needing assessment.

Approximate lifetime value of the contract: £0-£750,000

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

Price

#### **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**

The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2024/S 000-005998](#)

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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**

14 June 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 23

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 23

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 23

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 23

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Owl Centre Limited

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award 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. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 23:59pm Wednesday 26th June 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

Written representations should be sent via the Message Centre on the Atamis Portal.

Award Decision-makers: 5 key Trust stakeholders

Conflicts of interest identified among the Trust stakeholders: 0.

As there were not conflicts all members evaluated the bids received.

The supplier provided the most economically advantageous solution.

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

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

The High Court

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London

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<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>