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Contract

Provision of Mental Health Blocked Beds at Eden Mansions Care Home

CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03e08c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

WESTFIELDS

SANDBACH

CW11 1HZ

Email

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Country

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

Provision of Mental Health Blocked Beds at Eden Mansions Care Home

Reference number

1401 / C2130

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This WARN is for the block booking arrangement for the provision of nursing dementia care services in an accommodation-based setting and is designed to support both hospital discharge and hospital avoidance.

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: £936,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The reason for the blocked booked mental health beds arose due to unprecedented demand in mental health referrals and psychiatric hospital admissions during 2021. There have also been significant pressures on care provision over the past 24 months as a

direct result of the Covid- 19 pandemic. As a result, we have had significant issues in sourcing care for older people with advanced dementia and challenging behaviour.

Alongside this, the acuity of mental ill health has risen very significantly with a rise in Mental Health Act assessments locally and nationally. There are bed shortages and on a daily basis people in the community, general hospitals A+E departments and wards, police stations and care homes, have been assessed as needing to be admitted, under the Mental Health Act, to a psychiatric ward but there are no beds available here.

In addition to this we have high numbers of people that are unable to be discharged, and as a result have been on psychiatric wards for much longer than usual, with delays over 60 days being regularly noted in acute care meetings and the 'MADE' meetings.

'Multi Agency Discharge Events' were introduced under the NHS England framework to improve patient flow, look at blockages and how these can be reduced and challenge, improve and simplify discharge processes.

We have been working with all our care homes (those with suitable registration) to try and arrange EMI nursing beds, but the demand has outstripped the supply. Furthermore, placements often breakdown when people living with dementias mental health deteriorates. The blocked booked beds are preventing admissions by providing suitable urgent short-term provision in the care home market which we are currently unable to achieve. Many of the admissions to psychiatric wards could then potentially be diverted to less restrictive alternatives.

The blocked booked beds are monitored via the fortnightly contract meetings. Service users are discussed to ensure bed flow and demonstrate value for money. Utilisation of these beds has remained high throughout the previous 12 months and as services of this nature remain in high demand but short supply, there is confidence that these beds will continue to receive a high volume of use over the next 12 months.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1401 / C2130

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2023

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

Barker Care Limited (also known as Cedar Care Homes)

Eden Mansions, Station Road

Styal, Wilmslow

SK9 4HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

Companies House

01385930

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: £936,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £936,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom