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Contract

HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessment

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-019933

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e548

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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Bailie Curtis

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH - East of England

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

HCT - Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85110000 - Hospital and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) currently has a backlog of children awaiting an autism diagnostic assessment.

To address this, HCT is collaborating with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board to outsource assessments for some children and young people (CYP).

This initiative aims to reduce waiting times and support the implementation of a revised diagnostic pathway.

The Trust is inviting proposals from suitably qualified providers to conduct assessments for CYPs aged five and above.

The selected provider must deliver a high-quality, cost-effective service that is responsive to clients' needs and help clear the backlog while also offering ongoing assessment services as needed.

Key requirements include:

- A multidisciplinary team that includes Consultant Paediatricians/Paediatricians.
- Appropriate Care Quality Commission (CQC) registration.
- A blended approach to assessments, with face-to-face and virtual consultations (face-to-face only for children aged five and six).
- Robust contract management and effective collaboration with the Trust's key contacts.

The contract is expected to commence in early September 2025 for an initial one-year term, with the possibility of two one-year extensions (1+1).

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: £1,260,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

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) 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 New Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

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

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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

6 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

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

16 Main Street, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire

SA65 9HJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

National registration number

07880303

Internet address

<http://www.theowltherapycentre.co.uk>

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: £1,260,000

Lowest offer: £1,260,000 / Highest offer: £1,260,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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