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Contract

## **Award of 0-19 Public Health Contract (Health Visiting and School Nursing)**

London Borough of Brent

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

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Award of 0-19 Public Health Contract (Health Visiting and School Nursing)

Reference number

DN730582

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The Council has a contract titled the Children's Public Health Service for 0-19 years (Health Visiting and School Nursing).

It is provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust ("CLCH") who deliver the services under contract including health visiting; school nursing services; and healthy weight service including infant feeding support.

These services are nationally mandated and contribute towards the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme.

#### **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: £11,980,760

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI72 - Brent

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

The Children's Public Health Service 0-19 years (Health Visiting and School Nursing) is provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust ("CLCH"). It delivers health visiting and school nursing services, the nationally mandated Healthy Child Programme and additional services specified locally by public health including an intensive health visiting service to address health

inequalities and healthy weight services. The current contract will expire 30th April 2024.

The delivery of the Healthy Child Programme promotes nurturing and bonding and underpins healthy development of babies and young children. Health visitors and school nurses play a critical role in safeguarding babies, children and young people. The 0-19 service forms part of the integrated offer of early intervention and prevention for all families from conception to adulthood, delivered through our Family Wellbeing Centres.

The Council is intending to award a contract an existing provider following direct award process C.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £11,980,760.00

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided is 01/05/2024 - 30/04/2026.

#### **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

#### **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

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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:

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 decision makers by 12/07/2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

8 April 2024

#### **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**

Central London Community Health Care NHS Trust

Ground Floor, 15 Marylebone Road

London

NW1 5JD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £11,980,760

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Written representations should be sent to [procurement@brent.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@brent.gov.uk)

Details of the award decision-makers - Brent Cabinet resolved to approve the direct award a contract in respect of Children's Public Health Services 0-19 Years (Health Visiting and School Nursing) to the provider Central London Community Health Care NHS Trust for 2 years.

<https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s141065/10.%20Authority%20To%20Award%20Contract%20for%20Childrens%20Public%20Health%20Services%200%20-%2019%20years.pdf>

Note any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed - There are no identified conflicts of interest. A report was prepared by the Officer recommending the award and the decision was made and taken by the Council's Cabinet.

Relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision - The existing provider was assessed against key criteria which were equally weighted and the provider scored satisfactorily against the assessed criteria as set out below.

Key criteria for the service:

Quality and innovation: - The contract delivers the following services health visiting, school nursing services and a healthy weight service including infant feeding support. These services are nationally mandated and contribute towards the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme.

Value: - The service has responded to the needs of the population and growing concerns for our most vulnerable residents. This has been added within the budget and resource.

Integration, collaboration and service sustainability: - The service is delivering health programmes as per the Healthy Child Programme detail - a government/NHS run programme focusing on early life stages focusing on a universal preventative service. The programme is delivered in line with the ambitions for the NHS Long Term Plan. The service delivers on a global initiative to support breastfeeding for as long as possible, and is working with the local family wellbeing centres to deliver Unicef Baby Friendly initiatives. Public Health has noted that obesity rates are coming down slowly. This may suggest that the team is responsive to the local population.

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice: - The service is expected to be equitable across the borough, ensuring that there are opportunities for residents to make contact at various times of the day or in a variety of methods. Brent is a diverse borough both in economic and social status. The service will be expected to also provide information and education in different languages or by using translation services. The provider should also be working to deliver specific support for vulnerable families to ensure barriers are removed as far as is possible. For example:

- the provision of clinics across the borough
- healthy eating advice provided in high obesity areas
- provision of support for our most vulnerable families including homeless residents and people with low to mild perinatal mental health

Social value: - Social value is met through the service engineered to deliver additional public health support through wider engagement. The service also recruits staff from Brent.

Assessment of the existing provider's current performance against the existing contract taking into account the established key criteria:

Quality and innovation: Often meets expectation but needs improvement

Value: - Meets expectations

Integration, collaboration and service sustainability: - Meets expectations

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice: - Meets expectations

Social value: - Meets expectations

Rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

The current contract holder is an integral part of the Brent ICP, fully committed to delivering the locally health and care system priorities, and embedded in local governance. It is acknowledged that there are issues with the current performance. However, the underlying cause is the challenges recruiting and retaining specialist clinical staff. The award of this contract will also allow the remaining Start for Life funding to be programme to synchronise with the main 0-19 funding and service.

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



**VI.4.1) Review body**

THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

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