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Contract

## **Provision of All Age Continuing Care (AACC) Service**

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047b46

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

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

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

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ST16 2LP

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://atamis-1928.lightning.force.com/lightning/page/home>

**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**

Provision of All Age Continuing Care (AACC) Service

Reference number

PC01

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Midlands & Lancashire (MLCSU) on behalf of the Commissioner, NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (SSOT ICB), intended to follow the Most Suitable Provider process (MSP) in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) (PSR) 2023 for its provision of All Age Continuing Care (AACC) Service, with the CPV codes 85100000-0 (Healthcare Services) and 85323000-9 (Community health services, but only in respect of community health services which are delivered to individuals).

#### **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: £14,663,578.50

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

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

INTENTION TO AWARD NOTICE FOR MOST SUITABLE PROVIDER PROCESS FOR PROVISION OF ALL AGE CONTINUING CARE (AACC) SERVICE FOR NHS STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (SSOT ICB)

NHS Midlands & Lancashire (MLCSU) on behalf of the Commissioner, NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (SSOT ICB), intended to follow the Most Suitable

Provider process (MSP) in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) (PSR) 2023 for its provision of All Age Continuing Care (AACC) Service, with the CPV codes 85100000-0 (Healthcare Services) and 85323000-9

(Community health services, but only in respect of community health services which are delivered to individuals).

The MSP process involves awarding a contract to provider(s)

without running a competitive process, because the relevant authority (SSOT ICB) is of the view it could identify the most suitable provider(s).

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided is 1st of April 2025 to 31st of March 2028, with the possibility of extension for up to another 2 years. The PIN that advertised the Intended Approach indicated a service start date of 1st of December 2024, but to delays related to the UK's national General Elections, this has been amended to the new service commencement date of 1st of April 2025.

The SSOT ICB has set an indicative contract annual value of £2.93m per annum, with a £14.66m value for the lifecycle of the contract (including extensions), providers are encouraged to submit their costings within this budgetary threshold, as higher cost submissions may not be considered.

It is envisaged that TUPE provisions will apply to the new contract.

This is an existing service but one that has been modified.

This will be a new provider.

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided is 1st of April 2025 to 31st of March 2028, with the possibility of extension for up to another 2 years.

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

Quality criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria /  
Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria /  
Weighting: 100

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Possibility of extension for up to another 2 years.

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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:

'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 decision makers by midnight of 17th July 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**

20 June 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

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

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

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Corporation Street

Stafford

ST16 3SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

NHS Organisation Data Service

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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: £14,663,578.50

Total value of the contract/lot: £14,663,578.50

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Address where written representations should be sent:

[governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk)

- details of the award decision-makers: ICB Board
- note any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed: no conflicts identified
- include a statement explaining the relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision, the rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

There were twenty-nine questions divided across the five areas of key criteria which included: Key criteria 1. Quality and Innovation, Key criteria 2. Value, Key criteria 3. Integration, collaboration and service sustainability, Key criteria 4. Improving Access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice and Key criteria 5. Social Value.

Following the receipt of the responses the ICB project panel assessed the responses to determine whether a provider met the requirements. The assessment was completed on a pass/fail basis of the basic selection criteria; and in terms of the key criteria, SSOT ICB reviewed how providers either met or did not meet the ICB's requirements for each question in the Key Criteria questionnaire.

The requirements for each question in the Key Criteria questionnaire were set out in the information supplied with the PIN notice (2024/S 000-014425) and each question contained a descriptor of what SSOT ICB's requirements were for that question.

The rationale for choosing the Most Suitable Provider was based on the panel assurance regarding their responses in all areas of the key criteria, although the panel felt that the responses in relation to both the quality and innovation, and integration, collaboration and service sustainability was strong and these two areas were key components of the both



service delivery and future innovation

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

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

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom