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Award

Individual Placement & Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) known locally as Working Well Norfolk (WWN)

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-048374

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Martineau Lane

NORWICH

NR12DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/>

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

Individual Placement & Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) known locally as Working Well Norfolk (WWN)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Individual Placement & Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) is a pilot programme funded by the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) to support people with either physical or mild to medium mental health conditions into work or to remain in work.

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: £4,381,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Individual Placement & Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) is a pilot programme funded by

the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) to support people with either physical or mild to medium mental health conditions into work or to remain in work. The Growth & Investment team on behalf of Norfolk County Council (NCC) was one of 12 local authorities across the country successfully awarded funding following a competitive bidding process and a contract worth £2.72m was signed in summer of 2023. Following a procurement process, Seetec Pluss were awarded a contract (valued at £2.281m) to deliver this provision to 1,100 Norfolk residents, branded as Working Well Norfolk (WWN). The project launched in October 2023 and will recruit participants up to November 2024 with participant support ending in March 2025.

In both the spring and autumn budgets in 2023 UK Government announced a further round of funding, entitled Universal Support (US), which would take on board the lessons learned from IPSPC and LSE and deliver supported employment provision to both IPSPC and LSE cohorts as well as a wider cohort of economically inactive disadvantaged participants.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This extension will be granted under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) namely competition is absent for technical reasons and also in the alternative 32 (2) (c). This is a short extension from November 2024 to Jan 2026 to the contract with Seetec Pluss. Competition is absent as the timing of the new money from DWP has not allowed us sufficient time to tender and to transition the provision (TUPE is involved), without a break in provision. Due to the cohort involved a break in provision has been deemed unacceptable. Commercially it is not viable for another provider to take the provision and staff on and run for 1 year. The value of the existing contract is £2281000 with the proposed amendment being of the value of £2.1m.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Seetec Pluss Limited

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Companies House

11817090

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,381,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As per the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the Council will not be awarding a contract until at least 10 days have passed from the date of this notice. Any representations to the Council on this award should be received by Midnight 1st August 2024.

A Prior Information Notice has been published as the Council is seeking to engage with the market on the replacement for this Contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom