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Contract

Durham Tees Valley Talking Therapies partnership service - Tier 1

TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05176f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Trust Headquarters, West Park Hospital, Edward Pease Way

Darlington

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.TE WV.nhs.net

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NHS

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Durham Tees Valley Talking Therapies partnership service - Tier 1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The service will be fully integrated into the Durham and Tees Valley talking therapies service, supporting service users who require a stepped care psychological intervention ranging from Step 1 to Step 4. The service will provide 7 Counsellors for depression and 3 step 1 counsellors WTE (Whole time Equivalent) who are qualified staff to deliver the service. Staff will be co-located within the service team structure. Staff will be expected to work towards meeting waiting list and treatment targets of the service collectively.

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: £2,428,965

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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 - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

contract term is 1 plus 1 plus 1

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 the relevant authority by midnight 29th May 2025. 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

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

1 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sunderland Counselling Service

Sunderland

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

1159057

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: £2,428,965

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS foundation trust are intending to award a contract an existing provider following Direct Award process C.

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Written representations should be sent to jemma.amer1@nhs.net

The award decision makers include:

Greg Hawmann, Service Manager (17/04/25) Shaun Mayo General Manager(09/04/25) Jamie Todd (02/05/25) Claire Bestford PFBP (09/04/25) and Liz Romaniak - Director of Finance (19/05/25).

There were no declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest from individuals making the decision.

The decision making record has been scored against the basic selection criteria - the provider passed all criteria. The contract does not meet the considerable change threshold.

This is an extension of an existing service, the provider continues to meet the requirements of the service and has the capacity to continue to provide the service.

The services to be procured include a qualified support workforce to provide Durham and Tees Valley talking therapies.

The contract will be a 1 plus, 1 plus, 1 at an anticipated overall lifetime contract value £2,428,965 with annual inflationary uplifts to be added.

Services are expected to be delivered from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2028.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Middlesbrough

Country

United Kingdom