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Contract

Centralised Placement Management System (CPMS)

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-051998

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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Contact

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

National registration number

99E

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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

Centralised Placement Management System (CPMS)

Reference number

ACE-0760-2024-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48612000 - Database-management system

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Contract Award Notice to communicate the below-threshold contract award made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (NHS MSE ICB) (herein

referred to as 'the Authority') for the provision of a Centralised Placement Management System (CPMS), in accordance with the Authority's local Standing Financial Instructions.

The contract award is made to Quantum IT for the provision of CPMS. The contract period is for a total of 24 months, from the 16th April 2025 - 15th April 2027, with a maximum total aggregate contract value of £200,000 (inclusive VAT).

This notice is being published to reflect the date by which the Authority has satisfied its internal governance process and the Authority's signatures have been ascertained, not at the time of the proposed start-date of this contract. The Service to which this procurement relates fall within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations").

The Authority is publishing this Contract Award Notice in both the Find a Tender platform and Contracts Finder in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) for spend above £30,000.00

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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex Health Economy

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Contract Award Notice to communicate the contract awarded by the Authority to Quantum IT for the provision of a CPMS. Across the system there are inconsistent processes for the management of non-medical practice placements (nursing, midwifery and AHP's), resulting in lack of organisational and system oversight of placement

utilisation, learner numbers and student tariff. To ensure MSE ICS can work towards the CLE Strategy and Long-Term Workforce Plan a systematic approach needs to occur. The Authority aims to move to a system wide Centralised Placement Management System (CPMS), that would hold and manage all non-medical learner data, whilst effectively co-ordinating and managing placement processes. Each organisation would continue to manage and hold responsibility for their own placements and utilisation of the database, yet the system wide overview will ensure effective wider collaboration of placement utilisation and recruitment could occur. Without collaboration, organisations will continue to work in silo, with an increased risk of lack of oversight of learners across individual organisations. The Authority identified value for money with more than 5% savings from the direct award of this contract that would have been enacted from the framework agreement fees.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 100

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

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure
- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This below-threshold single-tender action is made under Reg 32(b)(ii) and within the Authority's local SFIs. The Authority identified Quantum IT as the only technical capable provider of this provision and identified significant value for money with more than 5% savings from the direct award of this contract that would have been enacted from the framework agreement fees. This CPMS provision will enable system oversight of placement utilisation, learner numbers and student tariff, to better utilise resources across NHS and system partners. Without collaboration, organisations will continue to work in silo, with an increased risk of lack of oversight of learners across individual organisations.

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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

16 April 2025

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

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Manchester

M1 3BN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

Companies House

07308632

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

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Email

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United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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