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Award

Communications and Engagement Support Services

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH1 - East Anglia

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nsft.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

Communications and Engagement Support Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, working with NHS England as part of the Trust's response to a recent CQC inspection and improvement plan, requires external support to deliver a programme of communications and engagement support services.

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: £161,280

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

Across the 50 sites that the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust services within Norfolk and Suffolk.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust requires support and development services with four clear elements of support:

crisis communications,
strategic communications,
tactical communications, and
advice on re-shaping and developing the internal communications function.

The work will provide the Trust with fixed-term, strategic communications and engagement expertise in order to rapidly improve the management of reactive and proactive communications with the complex mapping of external stakeholders and staff working across the Trust's 50 sites, to help engage with a greater mass of clinical and corporate staff.

The timescales for this work preclude the ability to undertake a competitive procurement process, due to the urgent need for works to commence, and are for a very specific project agreed with, and supported by, NHS England as part of a response package to a recent CQC inspection.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

As per section 32 (2c) of the Public Contract Regulations, the Trust is awarding works where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with.

The timescales for this work preclude the ability to undertake a competitive procurement process, due to the urgent need for works to commence, and are for a very specific project agreed with NHS England as the result of a recent CQC inspection.

The request to contract with the identified partner is supported by NHS England, and has been approved via the Consultancy Expenditure Business Case approval process as part of the Trust's immediate improvement action plan.

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

6 September 2022

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

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £161,280

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom