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Planning

Recovery Colleges for NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Recovery Colleges for NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

Reference number

ACE-0761-2024-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an Intended Approach Notice to award a contract using the Most Suitable Provider Process for the Provision of Recovery Colleges (the Service) for NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (NHS MSE ICB) (herein “The Contracting Authority”)

The Service has been historically commissioned under separate contractual arrangements held by the individual Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). The ICB was established on 1st April 2022, replacing the CCGs as the Contracting Authority. As a result, these contracts will now be subsumed into a single contract commissioned by the Contracting Authority.

The Services are currently delivered by three different providers through a multifaceted approach with differing offers across the system which is reflective of the previous CCG individual commissioning pathways, resulting in inequitable offers across the population of MSE, as well as no current offer in the Basildon and Brentwood locality. The ICB has proposed a single system-wide offer, to amalgamate all of the contracts for these services into one potential contract to support integration, reduce fragmentation of services and reduce the number of contracts that MSE ICB will need to manage going forward. This will enhance and improve outcomes to elicit patient safety and quality.

The Contracting Authority has worked with the three incumbent providers and is of the view that this cohort of existing providers have the necessary experience, knowledge and skills to offer a collaborative provision via a lead provider model. Recognition that the services will

need to do more with less funding and recognising the benefits and efficiencies of doing things once. Providers will also need to share risk and invest in the service provision through this collaborative partnership.

The Contracting Authority intends to award a single contract to suitably, technically capable provider. In order to award a contract, the most suitable provider must have demonstrably satisfied the minimum Basic Selection Criteria, including financial and economical standing, satisfying the Key Criteria assessment and the commercial envelope. The awarded provider will be expected to share the risk, resources, capacity and to work collaboratively with the ICB.

Any queries will be considered until the 28th August 2024 at 12:00 noon, in line with best practice, under Provider Selection Regime. Emails should be sent to: cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk. However, please note that any interested providers will be required to satisfy the requirements as outlined above, including the sharing of risk, investment and collaboration through partnership in the service provision.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,714,504

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

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 an Intended Approach Notice to award a contract using the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) Process. The Contracting Authority is seeking to satisfy its statutory duty to ensure service provision for the patient population of Mid and South Essex, whilst also reflecting the need for efficiencies and aligning the Service with the ICB's strategic objectives and purposes to:

- Improve the health of our population, by ensuring improved patient outcomes with a focus on quality of delivery across the ICS.
- Ensure patients have an equitable offer across the board, while encouraging partnership working amongst organisations across the system.
- Enhance productivity and value for money, by reducing administration time, duplication and overall management costs.
- Promote a whole system approach and harmonise the current services.
- By aligning the contracts, the ICB intends to identify better value for money and efficiencies in the utilising of resources from estates, digital infrastructures, workforce. As well as seeing data quality reporting improvement.

The proposed intention of approach (MSP) under PSR will be a flexible and bespoke 'Structured Dialogue', which is intended to not be competitive in nature. This approach is designed to establish an Alliance, via creation of a framework of governance within which the ICB and any interested providers of Mental Health Services for Recovery Colleges may come together over a defined period in two-way dialogue, to support the design of the ICBs Service Specification ("the Specification"), as well as identify a collaborative solution to such Specification. A Structured Dialogue enables the ICB and suitable, technically capable providers within the market to bring together their knowledge and expertise to develop solutions to deliver specific outcomes. The aim of this two-way dialogue is to allow for greater co-production, scrutiny, and commitment.

The Service:

Recovery Colleges support people with Mental Health Problems, their carers, and mental health staff, via adult-education-based approaches rather than clinical or therapeutic models. The key principles are that they are collaborative, strengths-based, person-centred, inclusive and community-focused. A peer support and recovery approach focuses on developing people's strengths and enabling them to understand their own challenges and how they can best manage these to pursue their aspirations. Recovery Colleges are based on the principles of personal recovery in mental health, co-production between people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals, and adult learning. Recovery Colleges serve people who use mental health services, with empirical evidence of benefit.

The proposed contract duration will be for a 3-year period, with the option to extend for a further 24 months, from the 01st April 2025. The total aggregate value for the entire 5-year contract term for the Service is £6,714,504.

The Contracting Authority has considered which providers may be capable of providing the Service for the relevant patient population in Mid and South Essex. The Contracting Authority is of the view, considering providers that they understand are likely to have the ability to deliver services to the relevant population, and all relevant information available at this time that it is likely able to identify the most suitable provider.

The Contracting Authority have worked with the incumbents and are of the view that these providers have the necessary experience, knowledge, and skills to offer a collaborative provision via a lead provider model. Recognition that the services will need to do more with less across MSE and recognising the benefits and efficiencies of doing things once. Providers will also need to share risk and invest in the service provision through this collaborative partnership. Any queries will be considered until the 28th August 2024 at 12:00 noon.

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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 intention is to award a contract using the MSP process. The award decision-makers is NHS MSE ICB.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 August 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The intention is to award a contract using the Most Suitable Provider process.

The award decision-makers for this process is NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (NHS MSE ICB).

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