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Contract

Residential Short Breaks Service for Children and Young People

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045791

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

St John's House, East Street

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Contact

Kimberley Walker

Email

kimberley.walker13@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG36 - Dudley

NHS Organisation Data Service

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.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

Residential Short Breaks Service for Children and Young People

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board wishes to inform the market that upon successful completion of the VEAT Notice the contract has been awarded to Progress Care.

The award has been conducted under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) (i.e., competition is absent for technical reasons) for the provision of a Residential Short Breaks Service for the Borough of Dudley.

The contract duration is 3 years commencing 1st April 2024 with an option to extend for up to a further two 2 years.

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: £3,940,200

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG36 - Dudley

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension option of up to a further 2 years

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This contract period would provide greater stability for children, young people, and their families. Progress Care has provided the relevant service for 9 years and have established an effective and productive working relationship.

After careful consideration, to minimise the risk of disruption to children, young people and their families, and to ensure continuity of service and support for families, the ICB wishes to award a contract to Progress Care, on the basis that: -

- a) The ICB is satisfied with the contractual performance of Progress Care as the existing service provider.
- b) The ICB and its partner, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, have established an effective, flexible and productive service delivery arrangement with Progress Care. Progress Care has also established an effective relationship with its service users, their families and the 5 local Special Schools
- c) Progress Care has ensured that the voice of children and young people is heard appropriately and reflected in service delivery.
- d) Progress Care has trained staff appropriately to manage the medical needs of service users, to the extent that, in the event of staff absence, these needs can still be met, and service resilience maintained.
- e) Progress Care has provided innovative solutions to the specific care needs of individuals, making use of its knowledge of each service user and other resources at its disposal across its service portfolio.

f) The ICB is satisfied with the location of the existing service, its proximity to existing service users, their schools, and their families.

g) The ICB believes that a change of service provider, any consequential change to the location of service provision, and any change to established transportation arrangements, may be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of vulnerable children and young people with complex health and care needs and their families.

h) The ICB believes the market of alternative providers to be limited. Intelligence from attempts to identify other service providers to support the emergency provision of short breaks have proven to be extremely challenging and, on most occasions, have resulted in no locally accessible placements being sourced. A market engagement exercise resulted in limited engagement from other providers and a lack of confidence in other providers bidding for the service. It is considered that a competitive process will result in only one bid or no bids from the market which would leave the service at risk.

i) For the reasons described above it is in the public interest to award the contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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 August 2024

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

Progress Children's Services Limited

Wolverhampton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Companies House

04014026

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: £3,940,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,940,200

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Courts

London

Country

United Kingdom