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## **ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

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Colchester

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UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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<https://www.hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk>

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#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex

Reference number

ACE-0599-2022-MSE

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Authority invites responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex("the Service") from 19th December 2022 to 18th December 2025

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £398,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212500 - Communication and multimedia software development services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

North east Essex, West Essex, Mid and South Essex

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Authority invites responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex ("the Service"), from 19th December 2022 to 18th December 2025.

The Service being commissioned is to design, develop, digitise (where relevant) and pilot implementation of two psychoeducational resources, across Essex, Southend, and Thurrock. These will be evidence-based therapeutic interventions, that provide information and support to better understand and cope with autism; one for parents and carers of CYP following a process for diagnosis and one for CYP following a process for diagnosis.

The project aims to deliver the national and local ambition to design and implement a psychoeducational resource which:

- Provides information about autism as a diagnosis.
- Helps people come to terms with their diagnosis.

- Identifies additional coping strategies for everyday challenges (such as managing difficult sensory environments or stigma).

- Provides opportunities to engage with other autistic people who may have had similar experiences.

- Helps the parent/carer or young person feel empowered in living with their diagnosis.

Is available to parents/carers and young people on an ongoing basis, to be accessible as and when required.

The content will be evidence based, co-produced with families and professionals, and include a range of topics including financial advice, relational peer support, relationship management, emotional adjustment, long term stress management, resilience, stigma protection etc.

Successful delivery will require a combination of expertise, skills and experience in terms of the digital sphere, alongside experience of working with children, young people and families with SEND.

The aggregate value of the contract over the three-year term (including VAT, any extensions, variations, inflation or growth) as advertised in Find a Tender Service is £398,000.

This is made up of the following contract period values as aligned to the funding available:

- Period 1 - 19/12/22 - 31/03/23 - Up to £232k - Mobilisation costs must be incurred within and therefore charged to Period 1 (Q4) 19/12/22 - 31/03/23, as this funding must be committed before the financial year end.

- Period 2 - 01/04/23 - 31/03/24 - Up to £83k

- Period 3 - 01/04/24 - 31/03/25; and

- Period 4 - 01/04/2025 - 18/12/25 - Up to £83k

The Contracting Authority(s) (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) for this procurement are: NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB and NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB.

The contract that is to be entered into by the Authority and the Preferred Bidder will be non-clinical and as such will be governed by the NHS Terms and Conditions for Provision of Services.

Further information available at section 'Additional text' and within the Procurement documents.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £398,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-024207](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

19 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English



**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

19 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Authority is looking to appoint a single Preferred Bidder to manage all aspects of the Service. As such, a Lotting Strategy is deemed inappropriate as it risks creation of unnecessary fragmentation and complexity. Accordingly, the service will be offered as a single contract awarded to a single Preferred Bidder (either as a lead provider in its own right, as such as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) or consortium of providers, or in association with sub-contractors). Bidders will be required to confirm their Bidding Model including the legal form it takes. The Authority reserves the right to require members of any bidding group to assume a specific legal form if awarded the contract, if considered necessary for the satisfactory performance of the contract.

The requirement to which this procurement relates, fall within the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) (the "Regulations").

The Authority may wish to expand the Services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modification(s)"). To this end, the Bidder should be aware that after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the successful Bidder may be offered a variation(s) to the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020), in the potential circumstances and or situations as communicated in the FTS Contract Notice and ITT Process Overview.

Disclaimer: The Authority shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by respondents to this procurement in preparing and/or submitting such responses.

To access the procurement documentation, please go to the Attain eProcurement Portal (Bravo powered by Jaggaer) at: <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk>

Click on 'Register here' and follow the on-screen instructions. You can access the ITT: 'itt\_112 - ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex' by clicking on the link called 'View current opportunities' on the Home Page. Please note that the tender will not be accepted by any means other than through the Attain e-Procurement Portal.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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<https://www.justice.gov.uk>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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