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Contract

## **NHS Sussex ICB - Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex**

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)  
Brighton and Hove City Council (Lot a)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

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**Email**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNX

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/nhs-sussex/>

Buyer's address

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Brighton and Hove City Council (Lot a)

Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Square

Brighton

BN1 1JE

**Contact**

Sarah Rix

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

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

The contract involves joint procurement

**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**

NHS Sussex ICB - Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex

Reference number

C316974

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Mental Health Support Services - Brighton and Hove / West Sussex.

Lot a) Brighton and Hove

Lot b) West Sussex.

Intention to Award

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Intention to Award Notice, which follows the conclusion of a Competitive Process, subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The aim of which is to appoint providers to deliver Mental Health Support Services for both Lot a) Brighton and Hove and Lot b) West Sussex on behalf of the Commissioners:

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Brighton and Hove City Council (in relation to Lot a).

Services are due to commence on 1st October 2025 for a period of 5 years with an optional extension period of up to a further 24 months (5+2).

The total value of these contracts (including extension periods) is £48,741,637.00 in total across both lots.

The award of these contracts 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 or the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The publication of this notice marks the commencement of the standstill period. Any representations in relation to this notice must be made to decisions makers by midnight on 9th June 2025 via the Atamis e-tendering portal:

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>, project reference C316974.

These contracts (one in relation to Lot a and one in relation to Lot b) have not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an Intention to Award Notice under PSR 2023, to inform the market of the intention to award a contract, as a result of a Competitive Process.

The successful bidders achieved the highest compliant bid score in relation to the set criteria.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £48,741,637

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Brighton and Hove

Lot No

a)

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

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Main site or place of performance

Brighton and Hove

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

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Mental Health Support Services are existing services that have been redesigned from 1st October 2025 to transform delivery, in a way that maximises the outcomes secured for the investment and drives integrated delivery across pathways of care.

The successful bidders for Lot a) Brighton and Hove and Lot b) West Sussex are existing providers, Lot a) as an existing lead provider and Lot b) as an individual contract holder for aspects of the existing services, in this new contract they will fulfil the role of lead provider across all Lot b) services.

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The aim of the Mental Health Support Services (MHSS) is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the adult population in Brighton and Hove and West Sussex.

Mental Health Support Services will provide support to promote well-being, prevent mental ill health by intervening early and offer opportunities to pursue meaningful activities and avoid social isolation. They will also complement other services, provided by the NHS and local authorities, General Practice (GP) and Voluntary & Community Sector Enterprise (VCSE) to deliver holistic care as part of a pathway approach. MHSS have a key role in supporting delivery of national targets for mental health including reducing reliance on acute and crisis pathways and expanding access to community-based

support. MHSS includes four key areas:

- Community Development, prevention and promotion
- Advice Information and Guidance
- Getting Support
- Provider responsibilities (governance, data reporting, system leadership, lived experience advisory group).

Commissioners (NHS Sussex and Brighton and Hove City Council) along with partners in West Sussex County Council will work collaboratively with the successful bidders to develop locally defined outcomes and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to ensure they are achievable and in line with the proposed service model. The service will contribute to national outcomes and KPIs for the following:

- Increasing access to community mental health services
- Improving physical health care for people with severe mental illness (SMI)
- Individual Placement and Support (IPS)

The KPIs will be monitored regularly and reviewed annually, to ensure the thresholds for the satisfactory standards of service provision have been set correctly.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents / Weighting: 85%

Cost criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents / Weighting: 15%

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

West Sussex

Lot No

b)

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

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)
- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

Main site or place of performance

West Sussex

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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: [2024/S 000-036937](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Lot No

a)

### Title

Brighton and Hove - Mental Health Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 May 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Southdown Housing Association

2 Bell Lane

Lewes, East Sussex

BN7 1JU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Companies House

IP20755R

Internet address

<https://www.southdown.org/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,480,502

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

b)

#### **Title**

West Sussex - Mental Health Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 May 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BHT Sussex

144 London Road

Brighton

BN1 4PH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Companies House

1618610

Internet address

[www.bht.org.uk](http://www.bht.org.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £35,261,135

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The award of these contracts 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 or the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Any representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight on 9th June 2025 via the Atamis e-tendering portal: <https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s>Welcome>, project reference C316974.

These contracts have not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

The NHS SCW procurement team supported Commissioners in the management of conflicts of interest throughout the process. In line with national guidance Managing conflicts of interest: revised statutory guidance for CCGs 2017) conflicts of interest were given a high priority within the procurement, with 'conflicts of interest' a standing item at Project Team, Steering Group and Moderation meetings.

Project members were required to complete Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Undertaking forms prior to receiving any sensitive documentation or being involved in any discussions in relation to the procurement. There were no material declarations of conflict as part of this process at the outset. Prior to commencement of the ITT Evaluation stage, a new declaration was made by a Lived Experience Advisory Group member, who had been proposed as a member of the Evaluation Team for two ITT questions. In the judgement of the Lead Commissioner and the Procurement Lead, the LEAG member's newly declared conflict could not be mitigated. The individual was therefore deselected from the evaluation panel prior to commencement of the evaluation process and all access rights to information and systems revoked, before they had been accessed by the individual.

All conflicts were appropriately managed within the project, and there are no latent risks associated with the aforementioned conflict/s.

The award decision makers are NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Brighton and Hove City Council (BHCC).

The service evaluation was assessed against the 5 key criteria:

The key criteria were weighted as follows: Quality and innovation (25%), Value (15%), Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability (20%), Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice (25%); Social Value (15%).

The reason for the decision makers' intention to award to the successful bidders named, is that they achieved the highest compliant bid score in relation to the set criteria.

The procurement process has been conducted robustly in accordance with best practice and the principles of transparency, proportionality and fairness.

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

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes, East Sussex

BN7 2FZ

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Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS England

Skipton House, 80 London Road

London

SE1 6LH

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>