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## **Children's Integrated Therapies and Equipment Service - NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - PINCC**

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board  
East Sussex County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts  
Prior information notice with call for competition  
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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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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/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

East Sussex County Council

Lewes

**Email**

[stuart.meredith@soeprocurement.nhs.uk](mailto:stuart.meredith@soeprocurement.nhs.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ - South East (England)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.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://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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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**

Children's Integrated Therapies and Equipment Service - NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - PINCC

Reference number

NHS/SOEPS/22.843 - PINCC

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The current contract with Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is due to expire on 31st March 2023. It was awarded by NHS Sussex CCG (now NHS Sussex ICB) and East Sussex County Council following the publication of a direct award notice. This interim arrangement was put in place to enable service continuity whilst the CCG took time to build a better understanding of the long-term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on demand, including provision of support into schools, mental health and related health provision for children and young people with SEND. This was put in place to effectively extend service provision at that time, with the original contract having been put in place via a restricted OJEU process in 2018.

In order for Sussex ICB to deliver against this agenda, the ICB intends to direct award (effectively extending the existing contract) to Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. The rationale and evidence to support this decision is contained in the section below. The extension will be for a period of one year from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2024, with the option to extend for a further one year until 31st March 2025 if required.

The direct award will ensure services remain in place so that existing and new service users can access these services whilst the organisation undertakes proper engagement with the market to adapt the service to the needs of the population and complete its re-procurement process. The stability of the service will also support the wider local healthcare system.

Contract value = £5,252,818 per annum x 2 years = £10,505,636

If you wish to express an interest or should you wish to discuss the content of the PIN further, please do this by sending a message via the In-tend e-Tendering portal at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning/asp/Home> in the first instance.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 12:00pm (midday) on Monday 7th November, 2022.

If no expressions of interest are received, the Authority intends to enter a contract with the incumbent provider relying upon a Regulation 32 exemption of no response/no requests to participate have been submitted in response to this notice, within 30 days of publication.

Please note a portal message is the only accepted method of expressing an interest (correspondence received by an other route will not be responded to).

NHS Sussex is seeking to secure a Children's Integrated Therapy Service, so that children and young people known to the service achieve their best possible developmental potential and physical and emotional health and well-being both in

childhood and through transition into adulthood.

The Children's Integrated Therapy Service is a significant provider alongside other services for children with SEN and Disability and is required to contribute to the new way of working outlined in the SEND Reforms of the Children and Families Act 2014.

The Children's Integrated Therapy Service will:

- Offer a team approach that maintains an appropriate skill mix in order to achieve best value for children and young people and their families, the Local Authority and the NHS.
- Provide a timely, accessible therapy service that is responsive to the needs of children, young people that are referred to the service and their families.
- Offer multi-agency and inter-agency working to enable therapy objectives to be effectively integrated into the child's everyday life. This includes training for other staff to enhance their skills and support to therapy programmes.
- Provide training to parents and carers to improve their ability to support the ongoing needs of their child/children
- Maintain a quality service through investment in continuing professional development, supervision and support to all team members.

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,505,636

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

24

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

12 months plus 12 month option

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

7 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

8 November 2022

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS South of England Procurement

Fareham

Country

United Kingdom