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Award

Mid and south Essex All Aged Long Covid Clinic

NHS Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f6e5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Mid and south Essex All Aged Long Covid Clinic

Reference number

ACE-0502-2021-ALC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of the Authority's intention to award a contract to deliver an All Aged Long Covid Clinic ("the Service") covering the population of Mid & South Essex, for a period of up to 24 months, from 1st December 2021 – 30th November 2023. The aggregate contract value is forecasted at £5m over the two-year term.

Herein all references to the Authority mean NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS Basildon & Brentwood CCG, NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG, NHS Southend CCG and NHS Thurrock CCG.

The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this VEAT, during which the CCGs will not enter into any contractual arrangement.

The Service aims to bring together doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists to offer both physical and psychological assessments and refer patients to the right treatment and rehabilitation services. This is intended to support deliver of an integrated approach to support patients access vital rehabilitation, as well as helping develop a greater understanding of long covid and its debilitating symptoms, ensuring that patients are supported by the relevant health care professionals to provide advice and support in respect of mental health, physical activity, and managing their symptoms and diet.

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Service aims to bring together doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists to offer both physical and psychological assessments and refer patients to the right treatment and rehabilitation services. This is intended to support deliver of an integrated approach to support patients access vital rehabilitation, as well as helping develop a greater understanding of long covid and its debilitating symptoms, ensuring that patients are supported by the relevant health care professionals to provide advice and support in respect of mental health, physical activity, and managing their symptoms and diet.

The Service will ensure that the following core criteria are met as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan:

- offer multidisciplinary, physical, cognitive, psychological and psychiatric assessments with the aim of providing consistent services and face-to-face appointments available where appropriate
- make provision for all those affected including those who were never admitted to hospital or tested for COVID-19

- services must ensure equity of access. Consideration must be given to groups most likely to be impacted by health inequalities and how they access and utilise healthcare services to ensure that no one is discouraged or unable to benefit.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

Oversight of the programme delivery will be through a multi-agency stewardship comprised of commissioners, providers and clinicians, collaboratively working towards a wider ICS system. The Authority wish to work in an integrated way with existing provider of community services to build upon existing clinical expertise and services across Mid and South Essex, to meet the current demand associated with Long Covid patients.

It is critical that these services are established at pace due to the increasing pressures within the Mid and South Essex health system. The Authority has made the decision that working with the existing community services provider in Mid and South Essex will be the best solution as it is uniquely placed and technically capable to take on the scale and speed of implementation within timescales available to deliver an affordable and fully integrated enhanced All Aged Long Covid Clinic for the ICS.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

Mid and south Essex Enhanced Long Covid Assessment & Rehabilitation Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 October 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Provide Community Interest Company

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Highwoods, Colchester

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authorities participating in the publication of this VEAT and the award of the contract communicated herein are:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Strand

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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