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## Keyworking Function

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0498e7

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/aspx/Home>

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Keyworking Function

Reference number

WSCCG - 00000110

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Keyworking Function (KWF) has been developed as a response to the NHS England & NHS Improvement Long Term Plan (LTP) commitment that by 2023/24, children and young people with a learning disability, autism, or both, with the most complex needs will have a designated Keyworker: implementing the recommendations made by Dame Christine Lenehan.

These are our children: a review by Dame Christine Lenehan.

Initially, keyworker support has been provided to children and young people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic, to avoid unnecessary admission or overly lengthy stays in mental health or specialist learning disability settings, and to keep them and their families safe and well in their community. Every ICS now has an operational, or soon to be operational, keyworking service, funded by new money from the NHS Long Term Plan delivered through each of the seven NHS England regions. Some areas have already extended this offer to young people up to the age of 25. From 2023/24, it is expected that all ICSs will offer their keyworking services to young people up to the age of 25. In addition, by 2024, NHS England are due to deliver the "Keyworker Code of Practice".

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-028665](#)

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

VI.3

Place of text to be modified

VI.3) Additional information

Instead of

Text

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract 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 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 12th September 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

An F01: Prior information notice was published 8 July 2024, 4:21pm - Notice reference: 024/S 000-020817

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Award decision-makers - NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Executive Committee - No conflicts of interest were declared.

As described in the Provider Selection Regime statutory guidance the Most Suitable Provider process is undertaken when the ICB believes it is able to identify the most suitable provider without undertaking a competitive exercise.

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of the key criteria, the basic selection criteria and taking into account all relevant information available to it at the time, which included knowledge of the existing provision, benchmarking data, risks of change and the costs and benefits of existing and potential arrangements.

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