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Contract

## **Community Mental Health Framework Supporting Services**

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f8f7

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bnssgccg.nhs.uk](http://www.bnssgccg.nhs.uk)

**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**

Community Mental Health Framework Supporting Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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of all of the material factors noted above, the negotiated procedure without prior publication is justified under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) 'competition is absent for technical reasons'.

The value of this notice, which is split across 21 separate contracts, is £2,846,225 for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

#### **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: £2,846,000,000

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

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

- 85121000 - Medical practice services
- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

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

Price

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

Options: No

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

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Title**

Community Mental Health Framework Supporting Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 April 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 16

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Bristol Hearing Voices Group

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Bristol Mind (Mindline)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Bristol Tranquilliser Project

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Missing Link (Women's Crisis House)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

St Mungos (Men's Crisis House)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Womankind

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

The Harbour

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Windmill Hill City Farm

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Community Access Support Service (CASS)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Second Step (North Somerset Wellbeing Service)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Richmond Fellowship (Employment Service)

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Bluebell

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Mothers for Mothers

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Rockabye

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

CRUSE

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

The Greenhouse

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,846,225

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Official name: NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

