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Award

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040bb1

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

Email

sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

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

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

Reference number

ACE-0727-2023-HWE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Since the contract was awarded, NHS England have awarded further funding to the ICB to support the delivery of the training. This additional funding is £379,696 (inclusive of VAT). The availability of further funding was unknown to the ICB at the time that the original contract was awarded.

This VEAT is being published as the total cumulative value for the contract now falls within the thresholds for non-light touch services against the Public Contract Regulations.

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: £532,654

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Hertfordshire and West Essex.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This training has been introduced by the government as a requirement for CQC registered service providers to ensure their employees receive learning disability and autism training appropriate to their role. This is to ensure that the health and social care workforce have the right skills and knowledge to provide safe, compassionate, and informed care to autistic people and people with a learning disability becoming a legal requirement from 1st July 2022.

The Oliver McGowan training will comply with the code of practice / CQC regulations. A key unique element of the training is recruiting experts by experience to deliver aspects of the training. The training is a mixture of hour long live webinars and full days of face to face training, dependent on the level of expertise required.

Given the timescales for the additional funding to be spent, it would not be possible to conduct competition and achieve the national targets for the training to be delivered. Changing provider at this stage would also mean potential destabilisation of the training plan in place. Therefore, there is a clear benefit from maintaining continuity of the service delivered by the incumbent provider.

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 conclusion date stated within this Notice is the date that further funding was approved through internal governance to be varied into the existing contract. In accordance with best practice, NHS Herts and West Essex ICB will apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period before the variation to the contract is signed.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 October 2023

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

Hertfordshire Care Providers Association

Mundells Campus, Mundells Way

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 1FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £532,654

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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