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Award

Autism Assessment Service for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and pathway coordination for Children & Young People

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040be7

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

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Warrington

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Contact

Sophie Riding

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD6 - Cheshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.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

Autism Assessment Service for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and pathway coordination for Children & Young People

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Autism Assessment Service for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and pathway coordination for Children and Young People.

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice to inform the market that NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB is directly awarding a 12 month contract, with the incumbent provider, Clinical Partners Ltd.

The contract award will start 1st April 2023 and expire 31st March 2024.

The Provider has had a small historic contract with Knowsley place to manage a small number of children awaiting assessment, however during the COVID period there has been a significant increase in demand and backlog/waiting list and also as a result of the Joint Area SEND Inspection, Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has had to urgently address this significant waiting list to avoid any potential harm due to extended delays in assessments as part of a requested Written Statement of Action.

This award without competition is to ensure service continuity whilst pending development of wider system approaches for provision of neurodevelopment assessment and co-ordination are developed.

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: £2,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Main site or place of performance

Knowsley

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Contract Award Notice is published under the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015.

It is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public

Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations

detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authority is

not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The contract is being awarded under PCR 2015 Section 32. Use of the negotiated procedure

without prior publication.

32.-(1) In the specific cases and circumstances laid down in this regulation, contracting

authorities may award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior publication.

General grounds

(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works

contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:-

(c) insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Contract Start Date: 1st April 2023

Contract End Date: 31st March 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority
- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 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

Clinical Partners Limited

Unit 6 Chaldicott Barns, Tokes Lane

Semley

SP7 9AW

Telephone

+44 7833721967

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address

<https://www.clinical-partners.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,400,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

Regatta Place, Brunswick Business Park, Summers Lane

Liverpool

L3 4BL

Country

United Kingdom