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Contract

## **Provision of Urgent Award MSK Pain Management and Rheumatology on behalf of NHS Mid and South Essex ICB**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-031693

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-054717

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

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Road

Basildon

SS14 3HG

#### **Contact**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QH8

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk](http://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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**

Provision of Urgent Award MSK Pain Management and Rheumatology on behalf of NHS  
Mid and South Essex ICB

Reference number

ACE-0755-2024-MSE

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is an updated notice and replaces Notice Number 2025/S 000-008527 and Notice Reference 2025-041034 due to these services being impacted by the community MSK and pain service procurement. This is a change to the original notification.

The Contract Term is to reduce uncertainty for the Providers and to ensure continuity of service. Originally the award was approved by Executive Committee in November 2024 as an award for 7 months with an option to extend for 5 months. The Contract Term shall now be for 12 months, with a 3 months' notice period. The current procurement timeline is indicating a new service may start on 1st February 2026, but this is subject to change.

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The current contract with the incumbent (Connect Health) expires on 31st March 2025 and as a consequence there is a requirement to award this contract. The value is a £0 value contract – paid at local prices – planning value for 2025-26 is £3,320,718

#### **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: £3,320,718

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Brandon, Suffolk

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

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /  
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

#### **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

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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 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

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## Section V. Award of contract

**Title**

Provision of Urgent Award for MSK, Pain Management and Rheumatology Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

5 November 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

Connect Health Limited

The Light Box, Quorum Business Park, Benton Lane,

Newcastle Upon Tyne,

NE12 8EU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,320,718

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under 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 in this award.

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Decision makers are: NHS Mid and South Essex ICB Executive Team

No conflicts of interest have been identified

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

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

The Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom