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# Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments for NHS MSE ICB

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

**SS14 3HG** 

#### **Email**

cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk

## Country

**United Kingdom** 

## Region code

UKH3 - Essex

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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 Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments for NHS MSE ICB

Reference number

ACE-0741-2023-MSE

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85100000 - Health services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (herein "the Authority")'s intention to award a contract to deliver Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments to the patients within Mid and South Essex's geographical footprint. The contract will be for 12 months from 01st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 . The aggregate contract value is forecasted at £716,895.

As of July 2022, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) superseded the previous 5 CCGs within Mid and South Essex. NHS Mid and South Essex ICB is currently undergoing an organisational restructure and have taken the decision to extend the current contract to

the incumbent provider for 12 months whilst commissioning decisions and strategies can be made for the future of this service. The Authority considers this provider for this Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessments service as technically capable of providing the most economically advantageous solution to the Authority whilst the ICB undergoes restructure, review and alignment of contracts. The Authority is applying the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions to ensure appropriate clinical governance and service delivery quality as well as consistency of service to patients.

This notice is being published to reflect the date by which the Authority has satisfied it's internal governance process and the Authority's signatures have been ascertained, not at the time of the proposed start-date of this contract. The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this notice.

The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes and opportunities to the market, once final.

#### 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: £716,895

## II.2) Description

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKH3 - Essex

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

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£716,895.

The Authority has taken the decision to award this ASD Assessments to incumbent provider London Early Autism. The provider is considered most technically capable of providing the most economically advantageous solution to the Authority under the current environment whilst the ICB undergoes restructure, review and alignment of contracts. The Authority is applying the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions to support a combination of services, all of which are part funded under a single clinical contract, to ensure appropriate clinical governance and service delivery quality as well as consistency of service to patients.

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#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / 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

## II.2.14) Additional information

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## 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

## Explanation:

The Authority has taken a decision to award a contract to the incumbent provider as it is considered to be the most technically capable provider in the current environment, whilst the ICB undergoes its own procurement process to formally award this service. This award is made to ensure quality, safety and consistency in provision of care that meet the needs of the population during this transition period. The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes and opportunities to the market, once final.

## 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

16 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

London Early Autism

33 Boston Road South, Holbeach,

Spalding
PE12 7LR
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
• UKH3 - Essex
Companies House
14653005
Internet address
https://www.londonearlyautismdiagnosis.com/locations
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: £716,895
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 Justice of England and Wales
The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL
Country
United Kingdom
VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures
High Court of Justice of England and Wales
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London
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