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Contract

## **Telford and Wrekin Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Hub**

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-054e9c

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

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

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

Wellington Civic Offices, Larkin Way, Tan Bank, Wellington

Telford

TF1 1LX

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.shropshiretelfordandwrekin.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**

Telford and Wrekin Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Hub

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

This Intention to Award Notice is issued in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The Procurement relates to the provision of the Telford and Wrekin Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Hub.

#### **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: £331,173

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

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

This Intention to Award Notice is issued in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The Procurement relates to the provision of the Telford & Wrekin Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Hub. NHS Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board (NHS STW) currently holds a contract with Telford and Wrekin CVS for this service and anticipates no change to the current service provision.

The Autism Hub shall provide pre diagnostic assessment support for people with unconfirmed autism and support for individuals with a confirmed Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The hub shall operate within the principle that service users are encouraged to focus on their aspirations in life, through a person centred approach, and are supported to achieve these. Where it is identified, via the personalised care planning process, that service users may require health and social care assessments; sensory, speech and language, challenging behaviour etc) the Autism Hub shall signpost individuals to their local GP/Social Care Team.

The aims and objectives of this service are to provide:

- A weekly drop-in service 'Autism Hub' (Friday between 10.30 am - 2.00 pm) that is a safe environment focused on service users' needs. The hub shall be supported by 'experts by experience' volunteers that are generally recruited from the hub attendees. An aspiration shall be to achievement the 'Autism Friendly Kitemark' for the Hub but not exclusively. Signposting to other autism support services for example Creative Support.
- Improved access for service users, unable to attend on a week day, by delivering a drop-in service on a Saturday morning, or a week day evening on a regular basis. The drop-in shall take place at an alternative venue and location in Telford e.g. a local library which enables access to wider facilities e.g. coffee shop, computers, leisure centre activities. Locations and venues shall be informed by service users and their needs.
- An Autism West Midlands 'Specialist' team member(s) to be onsite weekly to provide service users with pre-diagnosis support and support to complete the various questionnaires. The AWM autism supporter shall provide post diagnostic support with the offer of a personalised care plan to those individuals who wish it
- Scheduled activities, talks that meet the needs of service users enabling them to learn and develop new skills.
- Sessions, utilising the expertise of community based providers/business, to support service users on site and raise awareness of opportunities.
- Direct volunteer placements for adults seeking support to be work ready with guidance from the team. For example, a volunteering role to develop a self-sustaining Autism group within Telford to improve access to support. These may be run by volunteers with experience, or service users aspiring to develop their skills in this respect e.g. a young people's group.
- Work experience placements for service users looking for support to bridge the gap

between unemployment and paid work.

- A 'Listening for Carers' element to the hub to effectively support Carers needs including bi monthly updates from the Carers Centre.
- Facilitate the development of self-sustaining support groups across Telford.

NHS STW is satisfied that the requirements for the provision of health care services are not changing considerably, i.e., they don't meet the considerable change threshold as set out in Regulation 6(10).

The intention is to award a contract to TELFORD AND WREKIN CVS, the existing provider, via the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Regulation 9, Direct Award C.

The contract period shall be for an initial period of 1 years from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, with an optional 2-year extension until 31st March 2028. The estimated lifetime contract value is £331,173.00. The annual contract value is £110.391.00 (based on 24/25 contract values)

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

Cost criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

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

Options: 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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to 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 to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 30/06/2025. This notice is retrospective and serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### 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

Telford and Wrekin Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Hub

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

9 October 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**

Telford and Wrekin CVS

Suite 12 and 15, Hazeldine House, Overdale, Central Square,

Telford

TF3 4JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

702589

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £331,173

Total value of the contract/lot: £331,173

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to 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 to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice.

Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 30/06/2025.

Written representation can be sent to: [stw.stw.cmt@nhs.net](mailto:stw.stw.cmt@nhs.net)

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Details of the award decision makers:

NHS STW ICB Strategic Commissioning Committee on 25/10/2024.

Details of declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed:

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

Relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision, the rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

Equal weighting and prioritisation was given to each of the key criteria as all key criteria are deemed to be of equal importance when considering the direct award. Based on the key criteria the provider was deemed to be delivering the service to a satisfactory standard and would likely continue to deliver the service to a satisfactory standard during



the period covered for this award.

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

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

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board

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United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Written representation should be sent by 30/06/2025

To: [stw.stw.cmt@nhs.net](mailto:stw.stw.cmt@nhs.net)