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## Contract

# **Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Southend, Essex and Thurrock**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

Essex County Council

Thurrock Borough Council

Southend Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**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**

Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Southend, Essex and Thurrock

Reference number

ACE-0392-2020-Essex

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this Notice is to confirm the award of a contract to North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) to provide Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS) across Southend, Essex and Thurrock. This award is being made following the successful completion of a procurement process.

The contract advert (reference 2021/S 000-009636) was published by NHS West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on behalf of the 7 CCGs within Essex and the 3 Local Authorities. Since this contract notice was published, the CCGs have been replaced with 3 Integrated Care Boards in line with the Health and Care Act 2022.

The contract began on 1st April 2022 for a period of 7-years with the option to extend for a further 3-years. The aggregate maximum value of the contract is £430m. The total price for

the initial 7-year period is £154,885,967.

### **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: £430,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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The Thrive Model has been developed nationally. This has been endorsed by the 'Future in Mind' report,

it is therefore the intention to replicate a version of the Thrive Model in delivering the new service. The

model is a blend of Tier 2 and Tier 3 services with a seamless progression up or down for the service

user.

All children and families will receive support and services which are appropriate to their needs. For many

children this is likely to be community based, and should be easily and quickly accessible. Most young

people requiring CAMHS will present with mental health problems that are causing

significant

impairments in their day-to-day lives. These presentations can result in both the need for scheduled

and/or unscheduled care.

CAMHS will be available for all children and young people who are aged 0 - 18 (25 if SEND), and who

meet the agreed CAMHS referral criteria. The eligibility criteria is set out within the service specification.

The current service has in place the following teams, which are expected to be replicated in this new

service:

- 7 Community Hub Teams
- 3 Intensive Support Teams (crisis teams)
- 1 Eating Disorder Service
- 1 Learning Disability with MH Service
- 1 Single point of access (SPA) service
- 1 out of hours service (out of hours SPA)

The service will also include the provision of the following:

- Eating disorder including ARFID & FREED
- Crisis care/Home treatment team
- CAMHS with LD and CAMHS with ASD Service
- Youth offending provision (there will be a requirement to work connectively with the POWER

programme)

- There will be a comprehensive 0-25 support offer that reaches across mental health

services for CYP

and adults in all STPs/ICSs, the expectation is that this contract will fulfil this up to age 18 and will work

connectively with our adult providers

- CYP IAPT

- Expansion of the single point of access to field more enquiries from GP, schools and other professionals

- Inclusion onto the AMHP rota for qualified professionals

And locally agreed care pathways for:

- LAC Service (for CYP who are placed in local authority and have a diagnosable mental health condition,

some of which will be placed in Essex from other areas)

- Early intervention in psychosis in conjunction with the current EIP provider

- information and advice at a minimum for emotional wellbeing and mental health referrals

- Mental Health Schools Team (links between the teams and the service)

- Community Learning Disability Team (provided by another provider) for those with a requirement for

MH input

- Paediatric pathways such as tics, Tourette's, ASD, PDA

As a part of the contract North East Essex have commissioned an additional Children and Young People's Mental Health Early Intervention Service (CYP EIS). The aims and objectives of this service are to provide:

- An easy to access early intervention service for Children and Young people from age 10-18 years of

age (up to 25 years of age if SEND) who meet the scope of this service

- Mental and emotional support through a range of interventions suited to the need and patient centred

requirement of the service user

- Informal non-statutory advocacy when required to all young people supported by this service and who

do not meet criteria for Independent Mental Health Advocacy service.

- An early intervention disordered eating service
- Seamless transitions of care
- Partnerships with relevant stakeholders to improve outcomes for people using this service.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract may be extended by an additional 36 months (from 1st April 2029 - 31st March 2032).

The Authority may wish to introduce additional and/or expand the scope of services during the lifetime

of the contract (“Contract modification(s)”). Such contract modifications will be contemplated where

additional requirements are similar and or complementary to the services already included in the

Specification, at any given time. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by

the Authority and / or other Contracting Authorities, as named in the Contract Notice. To this end, the

Bidder should be aware that after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the successful Bidder

may be offered a variation to the contract to include the services set out in this section in accordance

with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement

(Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020).

NEE – EIS The services and associated specification and prices, commissioned within this contract may be

subject to review and change. With the creation of the ICB, the services may be reviewed across the Suffolk and North East Essex footprint. Therefore the scope of the possible changes to be made to this contract shall relate to the potential introduction of a larger population to support the ICB footprint (i.e. the contract and specification may be amended to the Ipswich & East Suffolk and West Suffolk populations), through a variation to the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Mental Health Support Teams – Mid and South Essex ICB is developing a multi-year trajectory and a

regional plan for the future MHST Waves (Waves 5 to 10) from 2021/22 to 2023/24 in accordance with

NHS England's 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision Green Paper'. the

Mental Health Support Teams are services which are designed to support the mental health and

wellbeing of children and young people in and around schools and colleges. This is an existing service

delivered by North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT), but may be included within the main

CAMHS Contract when this arrangement ends. It may also be that this service covers all 3 Essex ICBs as

well as Mid and South Essex.

NHS Long Term Plan - It is also recognised that the NHS Long Term Plan made a renewed commitment

that mental health services will grow faster than the overall NHS budget, creating a new national

ringfenced investment fund worth overall at least £2.3bn a year by 2023/24. This is to enable further

service expansion and faster access to community crisis and mental health services for both adults and

particularly children and young people amongst growing visibility and concern about areas of

longstanding unmet health need, such as in young people's mental health services. This means that

during the life of the contract, the budget is likely to grow and the scope of the services being delivered

as a part of this contract will increase. There may be additions to the scope that are unknown at the time

of tender. Such modifications may be made where the additional requirements are complementary to, or

align with the scope of services and reflect longer term aspirations both locally, regionally and nationally

in delivery of the strategy.

### **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**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-009636](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Southend, Essex and Thurrock

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 March 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Head Office, CEME Centre, West Wing, Marsh Way

Rainham

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £154,885,967

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 20 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Lead provider for Tier 2 provision.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice England and Wales

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