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Contract

Suffolk and North East Essex Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastessex.icb.nhs.uk/>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Suffolk and North East Essex Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)

Reference number

ACE-0614-2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Suffolk and North East Essex Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Suffolk and North East Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The participating Contracting Authority associated with this Modification Notice is NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (herein referred to as the 'Authority').

The Authority awarded a contract to Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) for provision of a Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) from 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2023, with the option to extend the contract by a further 2 years up until 31 March 2025 (3+2), at an aggregate value of £264,000 over the 5 year term.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

60

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

20/25 SAS

Title

Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

1 April 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

The Lodge, Lodge Approach, Runwell

Wickford

SS11 7XX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £264,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Suffolk and North East Essex

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

The Primary Care team have assessed the option to have one Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) contract across the Suffolk and North East Essex (SNEE) Integrated Care Board (ICB) from 1 April 2023 (rather than 2 separate contracts, as is currently the case). Historically, North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have had a contract with EPUT, and separate to this West Suffolk CCG and Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG have also had a contract with EPUT. Both these contracts have now novated over to the SNEE ICB as part of the transitioning arrangements from CCGs to ICBs.

The scope of the services for both contracts is for a Special Allocation Scheme (SAS). Special Allocation Schemes were created to ensure that patients who have been removed from a practice patient list can continue to access primary care services via alternative primary care provision. ICBs have a responsibility to ensure that all patients can access good quality GP services and that patients are not refused healthcare following incidents that are reported to the police. Patients are registered on the scheme by the submission of a Violence Reporting Form to NHS England, or ICB with Delegated Authority by a GP practice.

Therefore, the current West Suffolk & Ipswich and East Suffolk contract with EPUT will need to be varied to incorporate the requirements (scope of services and spend) of North East Essex, from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2025.

The new aggregated contract value will therefore be £264,000 (West Suffolk and Ipswich & East Suffolk) + £120,000 (North East Essex) = £384,000.

The contract variation pertaining to the North East Essex element will be £120,000.

When the original contract was awarded there was no reference to creation of ICSs, as such the ICB can rely on Reg 72 (1) (c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, where all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen;

- (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;
- (iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

24

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£264,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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The Lodge, Lodge Approach, Runwell

Wickford

SS11 7XX

Country

United Kingdom

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- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

When the original contract was awarded there was no reference to creation of ICSs. As such the ICB can rely on Reg 72 (1) (c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015;

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen:

(ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;

(iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

The new aggregated contract value will therefore be £264,000 (West Suffolk and Ipswich & East Suffolk) + £120,000 (North East Essex) = £384,000.

The contract variation pertaining to the North East Essex element will be £120,000.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

The Primary Care team has assessed the option to have one contract across the SNEE ICB from 1 April 2023, this will result in streamlined contract management and commissioning arrangements. The Authority does not believe that full re-procurement of SAS services in this instance would add value for money or necessarily improve quality. It is believed this is the most efficient and least resource intensive solution to commissioning these services across the developing ICB. Therefore the Authority deems that there is a sufficient risk of inconvenience and duplication of cost, to prevent a decision to change the contractor for these services.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £264,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £384,000