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## **Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board  
Essex County Council  
Southend-On-Sea City Council  
Thurrock Council

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Essex All-Age Autism Outreach Service

Reference number

ACE-0689-2023-MSE

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The Authority invites responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver

an All Age Autism Outreach Service (the Service) providing specialist autism support to autistic individuals of all ages, across the Transforming Care Partnership (TCP) footprint

of

Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET), from 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2028, with an option

to extend for a further two years until 30th April 2030.

The potential aggregate value of the contract over the term may be up to £8,153,500 including the and potential (but in no way guaranteed) extension period and any modifications over the life of the contract.

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The four-year contract value and actual budget is £4,769,000 (excluding the extension period), which will act as an affordability envelope for the purposes of bidding. Any bids received in excess of such affordability envelope will be rejected as non-compliant.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-035357](#)

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1) Information to be changed or added

#### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.2.4) Description

Place of text to be modified

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Areas of support will include:

- Sensory processing
- Identity (neurodiversity, gender, sexuality etc)
- Psychological interventions, adapted to make more accessible for autistic people.
- Practical support with things like executive functioning, communication, and skill development
- Emotionally based school avoidance
- An understanding of and ability to provide consultation around eating disorders and Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)

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The type of support the service will be expected to provide includes:

- Support with understanding and managing sensory processing issues.
- Providing adapted psychological therapies to meet the needs of the individuals accessing support (this may include art, play, music, and animal therapy)
- Support individuals with understanding their identity (in relation to autism, neurodiversity, sexuality, and gender etc.)
- Autism specialist strategies and skill development around issues such as, but not limited to, executive functioning, problem solving, communication, relationships, socialising, behaviour, and sleep.
- Peer to peer support (for individuals and their families) to offer advice and knowledge from a lived experience perspective.
- Joint working with other teams/service to support the better understanding of an individual's needs 'through an autism lens'- this may include, but isn't limited to, CAMHS teams, adult mental health teams and eating disorder teams etc.
- Offer consultation and development support to other teams/services to improve their understanding of autism, ultimately resulting in a better experience and outcomes for autistic people accessing those services.'

## **VII.2) Other additional information**

Slight amendment to the services expected to support.