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## **Freedom to Speak Up Services (Interim Services)**

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C371831

### **Description**

Freedom to Speak up services 12 month + 12 option direct award contract with incumbent supplier The Guardian Service to ensure continuity of essential services, based on waiver, business case options appraisal, DSP approvals. 24/7 service (office hours plus out of hours provision) Limited market. Service reports directly into the Exec (independent support to whistleblowers and trends monitored). KPIs apply and rag rated reporting on issued. MSEFT plan is to run a competition for future long term contract once period of cover determined.

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## **Contract 1. Freedom to Speak Up Services (Interim Services)**

### **Suppliers**

Supplier not yet selected

### **Contract value**

- £152,000 excluding VAT
- £184,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

30 June 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
- 1 year

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 98113000 - Services furnished by specialist organisations

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Sole supplier market (although market not tested and so) interim 12 month contract whilst tender run for long term future contract.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust**

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