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Freedom to Speak Up Services (Interim Services)

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

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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.

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

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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.

Contracting authority

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