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Contract

## **Inpatient Unit for Children and Young People, including Community Support Service for CYP**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-035960

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b3f7

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Inpatient Unit for Children and Young People, including Community Support Service for CYP

Reference number

HWE CANS 2023

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is to inform the market that a contract has been awarded to its incumbent supplier, Keech Hospice, to continue to deliver Hospice Inpatient Unit for Children and Young People (CYP), including community support for children and young people.

On 17th March 2023, the Authority published a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice

(VEAT) to inform the market of its intention to award this contract (reference 2023/S 000-007864).

This service provides specialist palliative care support for Children and Young People who either do not need access to a hospital and/or who have identified their usual place of residence as a preferred place of care / death.

This contract started on 1st April 2023 for a period of 12 months, with the option to extend for a further 12 months ending on 31st March 2025. The value of this contract is £441,619 (excl. VAT), the figure reflected in this notice is the total contract value, including the option to extend by a further 12 months. This is the final agreed figure which is slightly higher than the expected value set out within the VEAT, however this is not a material difference.

The contract has been in place with the provider since 2013. The cumulative value of the contract to 31st March 2023 is £2,951,851 (excluding VAT and the value of this new contract).

#### **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: £883,238

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

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either do not need access to a hospital and/or who have identified their usual place of residence as a preferred place of care / death.

Children's palliative care is an approach to care covering physical, emotional, social and spiritual support. This focusses on improving quality of life for the child or young person and supporting their family members or carers. This includes managing distressing symptoms, providing respite care and support with death and bereavement.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further year to 31st March 2025.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Following the publication of the VEAT, the contracting authority observed a 10-day standstill period in line with best practice before concluding the contract.

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The service delivered by Keech Hospice is a very specialist service. The location of this service is important to provide support to our children and young people both within the Hospice and within their home. Keech Hospice is the only supplier of this specialist service within our geography.

#### 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: [2023/S 000-007864](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Title

Hospice Inpatient Unit for Children and Young People and Community Support Service for Children and Young People

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

26 October 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

Keech Hospice Care

Great Bramingham Lane, Streatley

Luton

LU3 3NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH21 - Luton

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £883,238

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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

The 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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