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Contract

## **ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board  
NHS Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**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**

ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex

Reference number

ACE-0599-2022-MSE

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The Authority invited responses on 16 September 2022 (Notice reference: 2022/S 000-026063), from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex("the Service") from 19th December 2022 to 18th December 2025.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212500 - Communication and multimedia software development services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

The Contracting Authority(s) (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) for this procurement were: NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB and NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB.

In September 2022, the Authority invited responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex (“the Service”), from 19th December 2022 to 18th December 2025.

The Service being commissioned is to design, develop, digitise (where relevant) and pilot implementation of two psychoeducational resources, across Essex, Southend, and Thurrock. These will be evidence-based therapeutic interventions, that provide information and support to better understand and cope with autism; one for parents and carers of CYP following a process for diagnosis and one for CYP following a process for diagnosis.

The project aims to deliver the national and local ambition to design and implement a psychoeducational resource which:

- Provides information about autism as a diagnosis.
- Helps people come to terms with their diagnosis.
- Identifies additional coping strategies for everyday challenges (such as managing difficult sensory environments or stigma).

-Provides opportunities to engage with other autistic people who may have had similar experiences.

-Helps the parent/carer or young person feel empowered in living with their diagnosis.

Is available to parents/carers and young people on an ongoing basis, to be accessible as and when required.

The content will be evidence based, co-produced with families and professionals, and include a range of topics including financial advice, relational peer support, relationship management, emotional adjustment, long term stress management, resilience, stigma protection etc.

Successful delivery will require a combination of expertise, skills and experience in terms of the digital sphere, alongside experience of working with children, young people and families with SEND.

The proposed aggregate value of the contract over the three-year term (including VAT, any extensions, variations, inflation or growth) as advertised in Find a Tender Service is £398,000.

This is made up of the following contract period values as aligned to the funding available:

- Period 1 - 19/12/22 - 31/03/23 - Up to £232k - Mobilisation costs must be incurred within and therefore charged to Period 1 (Q4) 19/12/22 - 31/03/23, as this funding must be committed before the financial year end.

- Period 2 - 01/04/23 - 31/03/24 - Up to £83k

- Period 3 - 01/04/24 - 31/03/25; and

- Period 4 - 01/04/2025 - 18/12/25 - Up to £83k

The contract that is to be entered into by the Authority and the Preferred Bidder will be non-clinical and as such will be governed by the NHS Terms and Conditions for Provision of Services.

As a result of this procurement, the Authority received no successful tenders and made a decision to conduct a due diligence process under Regulation 32 of PCR 2015, to ensure the ICB identify suitable organisation(s) which can deliver the requirement at the highest level of quality, whilst minimising costs so it is affordable within the level of funding and providing good value for money.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

#### **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**

See Section VI.3

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2022/S 000-026063](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

ASD Post-Diagnostic Psychoeducational Resource for Parents/Carers and Young People in Greater Essex

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

When advertised in September 2022, the Authority was looking to appoint a single Preferred Bidder to manage all aspects of the Service. As such, a Lotting Strategy is deemed inappropriate as it risks creation of unnecessary fragmentation and complexity. Accordingly, the service will be offered as a single contract awarded to a single Preferred Bidder (either as a lead provider in it's own right, as a such as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) or consortium of providers, or in association with sub-contractors). Bidders were required to confirm their Bidding Model including the legal form it takes. The Authority reserved the right to require members of any bidding group to assume a specific legal form if awarded the contract, if considered necessary for the satisfactory performance of the contract.

The requirement to which this procurement related, fall within the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) (the "Regulations").

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

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

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