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Provision of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) in Mid and South Essex

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0428f3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Basildon

SS14 3HG

Email

cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) in Mid and South Essex

Reference number

ACE-0741-2023-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (herein "the Authority")'s intention to award a contract to deliver the provision of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) for Mid and South Essex to the patients within Mid and South Essex's geographical footprint. The contract will be for 12 months from 01st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 . The aggregate contract value is forecasted at £2,884,013.00

As of July 2022, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) superseded the previous 5 CCGs within Mid and South Essex. NHS Mid and South Essex ICB is currently undergoing an organisational restructure and have taken the decision to extend the current contract to the incumbent provider for 12 months whilst commissioning decisions and strategies can

be made for the future of this service. The Authority considers this provider for this IPCC SMI service as technically capable of providing the most economically advantageous solution to the Authority whilst the ICB undergoes restructure, review and alignment of contracts. The Authority is applying the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions to ensure appropriate clinical governance and service delivery quality as well as consistency of service to patients.

This notice is being published to reflect the date by which the Authority has satisfied its internal governance process and the Authority's signatures have been ascertained, not at the time of the proposed start-date of this contract. The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this notice.

The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes and opportunities to the market, once final.

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: £2,884,013

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

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The Authority has taken the decision to award this IAPT to incumbent provider Vita Health Group. The provider is considered most technically capable of providing the most economically advantageous solution to the Authority under the current environment whilst the ICB undergoes restructure, review and alignment of contracts. The Authority is applying the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions to support a combination of services, all of which are part funded under a single clinical contract, to ensure appropriate clinical governance and service delivery quality as well as consistency of service to patients.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 100

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

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The Authority has taken a decision to award a contract to the incumbent provider as it is considered to be the most technically capable provider in the current environment, whilst the ICB undergoes its own procurement process to formally award this service. This award is made to ensure quality, safety and consistency in provision of care that meet the needs of the vulnerable service users and patient population during this transition period. The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes and opportunities to the market, once final.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

VITA HEALTH GROUP LIMITED

3 Dorset Rise,

London

EC4Y 8EN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Companies House

05002629

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,884,013

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Justice of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

SS14 3HG

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk/contact/>