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Contract

NHS Talking Therapies

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042a1e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board

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Warrington

WA1 1QY

Contact

MLCSU Tenders North

Email

mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD6 - Cheshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cheshireandmerseyside.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

NHS Talking Therapies

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The ICB is directly awarding contracts to existing providers for a 12 month period commencing 1st April 2024. These are contract modifications and are to provide NHS Talking Therapies in Wirral, Warrington and Cheshire East, a national requirement and part of the NHS Long Term Plan and NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan.

The services will provide a range of therapies for anxiety and depression based on emotional health concerns and working in conjunction with local partners and secondary care mental health services.

Reasons for Direct Award are around the uncertainty in the National Health Mental Health plans post 23/24; a Direct Award now will give time for alignment and review of pathways and potential future procurement on a regional basis from March 2025.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £10,567,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Talking Therapies (IAPT) Wirral Place

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD74 - Wirral

Main site or place of performance

Wirral Place

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide contract modifications for NHS Talking Therapies in Wirral, Warrington and Cheshire East, a national requirement and part of the NHS Long Term Plan and NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan.

Providing a range of therapies for anxiety and depression based emotional health concerns and working in conjunction with local partners and secondary care mental health services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Talking Therapies (IAPT) Warrington

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD61 - Warrington

Main site or place of performance

Warrington Place

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Talking Therapies (IAPT) Cheshire Place

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Main site or place of performance

Cheshire Place

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Providing a range of therapies for anxiety and depression based emotional health concerns and working in conjunction with local partners and secondary care mental health services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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:

This Contract Award Notice is published under the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015.

It is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

Justification of award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition is justified in the cases listed below:

The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

These contracts are contract modifications and are to be awarded under PCR 2015 Regulation 32 (1) (b) (ii), where the service can be supplied only by particular economic operators currently delivering the services, and no reasonable alternative exists, without considerable disruption to patient care.

These contracts are therefore awarded on a 1 year to provide essential continuity for patients.

The contract modification awards will ensure partnership working continues between the NHS Trust and the Independent Sector that will deliver crucial benefits, and minimise unnecessary disruption for patients at a time of great turmoil within the NHS, whilst longer term pathways are planned. This will also deliver essential financial efficiencies across the local health economy.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Everyturn Mental Health

2 Esh Plaza, Sir Bobby Robson Way

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

NE13 9BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Companies House

02073465

Internet address

<https://www.everyturn.org/talking-therapies/locations/wirral/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mental Health Matters

Avalon House, Sunderland Enterprise Park

Sunderland

SR5 3XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Companies House

01786914

Internet address

<https://www.mhm.org.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Big Life Group

463 Stretford Road, Old Trafford

Manchester

M16 9AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

Companies House

14868354

Internet address

<https://www.thebiglifegroup.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £5,315,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,315,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £565,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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