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Planning

## Secure mental health transport

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F01: Prior information notice

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### Section I: Contracting authority

#### I.1) Name and addresses

NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

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#### Contact

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#### Email

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#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/asp/Home>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Secure mental health transport

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

SNEE ICB are planning to formalise the commissioning arrangements in relation to the appropriate and secure transportation of people who have mental health needs in Ipswich and East and West Suffolk. North East Essex and Waveney are currently out of scope for these arrangements.

The secure transportation should be delivered with a person-centred and trauma informed approach and should not adversely impact the mental wellbeing of the service user. Transport will be required within the county of Suffolk and may be required from Suffolk to any area within the United Kingdom.

These transport arrangements will contribute to the operation of the crisis and urgent emergency system in Suffolk; and commissioned transport providers will need to have regard to prevent any negative impacts on patient flow across the system.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

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

In the autumn 2025, SNEE ICB intends to release to the market an accreditation opportunity to provide secure transport services for people with mental health needs in Suffolk on a framework. The current activity cost for secure mental health transportation is £407,746 per annum.

Prior to this the ICB would like to understand the level of interest in the market and gather input and feedback from interested providers about the current draft specification - to receive a copy of the specification please email: [procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk)

In conjunction with this, we are also interested to hear your responses to the following questions:

- What factors and/or processes need to be in place to enable you to establish and maintain a positive working relationship with the mental health provider and the advanced mental health practitioner (AMHP) service?
- What key points should be included in a shared risk assessment agreement between a secure mental health transport provider, the mental health provider and the AMHP service?
- Once a vehicle has been booked how many minutes do you consider to be a reasonable response time within the Suffolk geographic area?
- In what ways, other than quality inspections, would you be able to give assurance to ICB commissioners about the quality of your provision and the experience of service users?

Please send responses in respect of the questions and any comments on the specification to [procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk) by 17:00 on the 31 July 2025.

Please include direct contact information in case the Commissioners would like to discuss your responses further.

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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Prior Information Notice. The awarding of any contract in a future procurement process will be subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to any process which may be published in relation to this notice.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

12 September 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

