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Contract

## **Suffolk Individual Placement Support (IPS)**

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c21e

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

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

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

Aspen House, Stephenson Road

COLCHESTER

CO49QR

#### **Contact**

Sarah Skilton

#### **Email**

[sarah.skilton@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.skilton@snee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

## **NHS Organisation Data Service**

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### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

### **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**

Suffolk Individual Placement Support (IPS)

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The IPS service is for adults with mental health needs and adults who have vocational needs or aspirations to gain employment. The target group for these services are for

adults with mental health needs, those who are receiving support through secondary mental health services or have a diagnosed Serious Mental Health Illness. Suffolk IPS team delivered by Essex Partnership Foundation University Trust (EPUT) but embedded within Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) clinical treatment teams.

#### **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: £741,323

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Suffolk locality.

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

The IPS service is for adults with mental health needs and adults who have vocational needs or aspirations to gain employment. The target group for these services are adults with mental health needs, who are receiving support through secondary mental health services or have a diagnosed Serious Mental Health Illness. Suffolk IPS team is delivered by Essex Partnership Foundation University Trust (EPUT) but embedded within Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) clinical treatment teams. Suffolk IPS team has been well established within the Suffolk area since 2019. The service covers IPS support for clients within three clinical treatment teams, YOUTH Team, Adult IDT and EIP. They have also begun expanding into Primary Care Networks (PCN) although this is in early implementation stages.

To direct award EPUT IPS from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, with a view to starting competitive tender process for April 2026 onwards.

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board are awarding the contract named within this notice under the Direct Award C process which is outlined within the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The provider named in this notice is an existing provider and has been reviewed through a Key Criteria

assessment to ensure the awarding body is satisfied with current performance and reasonably expects the provider to be able to satisfy the contract which is the subject of this notice. The contract which is the subject of this notice has not changed considerably when compared with the existing / previous contract delivered by the named provider.

The ICB may wish to introduce additional services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modifications"). Such contract modifications will be contemplated where additional requirements are similar and or complementary to the services already included in the Specification, at any given time. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by the Authority as named in the Contract Notice. To this end, after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the contract may be varied as allowable in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

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

The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard.

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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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this

contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period.

Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 16th December 2024. They should be submitted in writing to [procurement@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@snee.nhs.uk). This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Award decision-makers: Suffolk Mental Health MDT

- No conflicts of interest, or potential conflicts of interest, were declared by any decision makes.

The decision to award this contract in line with Direct Award Process C was based on evaluation against the five required key criteria as follows:

- Quality and Innovation - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering a safe and effective service as required by the specification and contract they are currently delivering. This criterion was reviewed in line with the Quality Impact Assessment.
- Value - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering value to the integrated care system and the cost of change would not be outweighed by the potential benefit of a new provider.
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is positively impacting on the integrated care system through their integration and collaboration delivered as a requirement of the specification or alternative elements linked to the delivery.
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is meeting needs of the population to ensure equitable access and choice as required by the specification and contract. This criterion was reviewed in line with the Equality Impact Assessment.
- Social Value - Assured - SNEE ICB are assured that the provider is delivering in line with the SNEE Green Plan, supporting with the implementation of carbon reduction and increase in initiatives which positively impact on the wider determinants of health. This criterion was reviewed in line with the Sustainability Impact Assessment.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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**

13 August 2024

#### **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**

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

The Lodge, Lodge Approach

Runwell, Wickford

SS11 7XX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £734,711

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS Suffolk & North East Essex Integrated Care Board

Aspen House, Stephenson Road, Severalls Business Park

Colchester

CO4 9QR

Country

United Kingdom