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Contract

## **North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement Reference Number LD/RB06**

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-055e6b

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

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

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Lawton House, Bellringer Road

Trentham

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG - West Midlands (England)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/contact/contact-us/>

**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**

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement Reference Number LD/RB06

Reference number

LD/RB06

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85111500 - Psychiatric hospital services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

This Contract Award notice is placed under the Healthcare Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations 2023 Regulation 8 for Direct Award Process B, where the ICB is awarding this contract having conducted spot purchasing analysis and concluded that this is the only available option.

The ICB has a choice of providers, and is not seeking to restrict the number of providers.

The Service is for specialised Psychiatric care for a named patient. Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) are specialist wards that provide inpatient mental health care, assessment and comprehensive treatment to individuals who are experiencing the most acutely disturbed phase of a serious mental disorder. The Contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £989.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the exact duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be re-patriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £27,692 from 9th June 2025 to not known. The Trust had a spot purchasing arrangement with this provider in the past, and this is a continuation of that service for a new placement, now coming directly through the Trust whereas previously it sat under the ICB. The contract is new as the Trust are placing the contract directly but the arrangements have been previously in place under spot purchasing via the ICB.

### **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: £27,692

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Lickey, Birmingham

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

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The Service is for specialised Psychiatric care for a named patient. Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) are specialist wards that provide inpatient mental health care, assessment and comprehensive treatment to individuals who are experiencing the most acutely disturbed phase of a serious mental disorder.

The Contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £989.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the exact duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be re-patriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £27,692 from 9th June 2025 to not known.

The Trust had a spot purchasing arrangement with this provider in the past, and this is a continuation of that service for a new placement, now coming directly through the Trust whereas previously it sat under the ICB.

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

Cost criterion - Name: Price and availability / Weighting: 100

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The placement will be reviewed weekly, and extended subject to the ongoing needs of the patient.

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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:

The service is Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) inpatient beds. Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) are specialist wards that provide inpatient mental health care, assessment and comprehensive treatment to individuals who are experiencing the most acutely disturbed phase of a serious mental disorder. The contract has been awarded following Direct Award process B, at £989.00 per day for a nominal period of 4 weeks as the duration is unknown. The patient would be reviewed daily mon-fri and would be repatriated where clinically appropriate. Estimated total cost is £27,692 from 9th June 2025 to not known. The Trust had a spot purchasing arrangement with this provider in the past, and this is a continuation of that service for a new placement, now coming through the Trust, whereas previously it sat under the ICB. There were no alternative placements identified within the required timeframe.

The patient has no legal right to choose, but the Trust does not want to restrict the number of providers. This is highly specialised psychiatric services with limited availability nationally.

All known providers were contacted to ascertain whether they could provide the required service, only this provider responded in the required timeframe.

#### 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

### Title

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust Out of Area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Placement

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 June 2025

### **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**

Priory Barnt Green

Warren Lane, Barnt Green, Lickey

Birmingham

B45 8ER

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £27,692

Total value of the contract/lot: £27,692

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or its replacement the Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award.

The Award decision maker for this procurement was the Associate Director of Acute and Urgent Care on 9th June 2025. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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

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

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

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