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Contract

AccEPT Clinic Service

DEVON PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-041164

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0561d0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK43 - Devon CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

AccEPT Clinic Service

Reference number

T25-0127

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The AccEPT Clinic addresses substantial deficiencies in the provision of psychological therapy for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) in Devon.

This includes:

- People with hard-to-treat depression who have not benefited from existing IAPT or pharmacological interventions.
- Individuals with bipolar disorder who are out of remit for secondary care but require psychological support or relapse prevention.
- People with histories of SMI and mood disorders who no longer meet secondary care thresholds but experience languishing wellbeing.

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: £148,072

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This notice is the Trust's statement of our intention to award a contract to an existing provider following the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, direct award process C.

The lifetime value of this contract is £148,072.

The services will be provided between 1st August 2025 and 31st March 2026.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

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 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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 31st July 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR

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

17 July 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

University of Exeter

Exeter

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

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: £148,072

Total value of the contract/lot: £148,072

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The details of the award decision-maker is as follows:-

Jacquie Mowbray-Gould

Director - Mental Health, Learning Disability and Neurodiversity (MHLDN) Provider Collaborative

Conflicts of interest identified among group: 1

The non-conflicted members have assessed the nature and risk of this conflict, and have decided to exclude the conflicted member from decision-making.

Key reasons for selecting the provider include:

- **Strategic Fit and System Alignment:** DPT, in partnership with the University of Exeter, demonstrated a strong fit with the Devon system's ambitions under the Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF). The AccePT Clinic addresses the 'missing middle'-individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) who are underserved by current pathways-thus helping close a known treatment gap and supporting delivery of integrated, recovery-oriented care
- **Delivery of Evidence-Informed Care:** The chosen provider offers a unique, co-produced, and research-integrated model of care grounded in the biopsychosocial approach. All therapy protocols are either NICE-concordant or delivered within ethically governed research frameworks, ensuring both clinical quality and innovation
- **Outcomes and System Contribution:** The service has a strong emphasis on measurable impact, including improved psychological wellbeing, increased access to tailored therapies, and enhancement of workforce capacity via training and supervision. This positions the clinic as both a direct provider and a system learning site
- **Cost Effectiveness:** The proposed model demonstrates cost-conscious delivery with a per-

person and per-contact rate that compares favourably against non-NHS benchmarks, while providing enhanced service scope (e.g., expert by experience engagement, co-production, and trainee placements)

- **Established Local Partnership and Delivery Track Record:** DPT and the University of Exeter already jointly operate the service with robust governance, secure data infrastructure, and established pathways for safe clinical handover. Continuity of this arrangement supports service stability and minimises disruption for clients
- **Uniqueness of Provision:** The AccEPT Clinic is a unique offer within the Devon system. There is no other local provider currently able to deliver the combination of evidence-informed psychological therapies, integrated research activity, and co-produced delivery for this population group. The clinical-research model, specialist workforce, and system-wide contributions are not replicable by alternative providers within the local health and care landscape.

The decision to award is therefore grounded in the provider's unique ability to meet the specification's requirements while offering scalable system value, equity-focused service delivery, and demonstrable outcomes.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

Exeter

Country

United Kingdom