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Contract

Recovery Colleges for NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-048af3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

SS14 3HG

Contact

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Email

cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

National registration number

99E

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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

Recovery Colleges for NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Reference number

ACE-0761-2024-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Intention to Award Notice is issued in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 under the Most Suitable Provider process.

The Procurement relates to the Due Diligence assessment conducted for the provision of Recovery Colleges in Mid and South Essex. The Authority intends to award the Contract to the Provider that achieved the highest scores across the key criteria used.

This Recovery Colleges is from 01st April 2025 - 31st March 2028, with the option to extend for a further 24 months.

The aggregate contract value exclusive of extensions is £4,197,523 over the three-year contract term. The aggregate contract value inclusive of extensions, as published in Find a Tender Service, is £6,976,371 over the five-year contract term.

Recovery Colleges is a key mental health service provision commissioned by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board for the patient population in MSE.

The Service has been historically commissioned under separate contractual arrangements held by the individual Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). The ICB was established on 1st April 2022, replacing the CCGs as the Contracting Authority. As a result, these contracts will now be subsumed into a single contract commissioned by the Contracting Authority.

The Services are currently delivered by three different providers through a multifaceted approach with differing offers across the system which is reflective of the previous CCG individual commissioning pathways, resulting in inequitable offers across the population of MSE, as well as no current offer in the Basildon and Brentwood locality. The ICB has proposed a single system-wide offer, to amalgamate all of the contracts for these services into one potential contract to support integration, reduce fragmentation of services and reduce the number of contracts that MSE ICB will need to manage going forward. This will enhance and improve outcomes to elicit patient safety and quality.

The Contracting Authority has worked with the three incumbent providers and is of the view that this cohort of existing providers have the necessary experience, knowledge and skills to offer a collaborative provision via a lead provider model. Recognition that the services will need to do more with less funding and recognising the benefits and efficiencies of doing things once. Providers will also need to share risk and invest in the service provision through this collaborative partnership.

The Contracting Authority intends to award a single contract to suitably, technically capable provider. In order to award a contract, the most suitable provider must have demonstrably satisfied the minimum Basic Selection Criteria, including financial and economical standing, satisfying the Key Criteria assessment and the commercial envelope. The awarded provider will be expected to share the risk, resources, capacity and to work collaboratively with the ICB.

SERVICE: Recovery Colleges support people with Mental Health Problems, their carers,

and mental health staff, via adult-education-based approaches rather than clinical or therapeutic models. The key principles are that they are collaborative, strengths-based, person-centred, inclusive and community-focused. A peer support and recovery approach focuses on developing people's strengths and enabling them to understand their own challenges and how they can best manage these to pursue their aspirations. Recovery Colleges are based on the principles of personal recovery in mental health, co-production between people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals, and adult learning. Recovery Colleges serve people who use mental health services, with empirical evidence of benefit.

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: £6,976,371

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex Health Economy

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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empirical evidence of benefit.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria / Weighting: 100%

Cost criterion - Name: PSR Key Criteria 1 - Quality and Innovation / Weighting: 38

Cost criterion - Name: PSR Key Criteria 2 - Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: PSR Key Criteria 3 - Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability / Weighting: 26

Cost criterion - Name: PSR Key Criteria 4 - Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice / Weighting: 16

Cost criterion - Name: PSR Key Criteria 5 - Social Value / Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further 24 months (from 1st April 2028 - 31st March 2023)

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

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.

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Recovery Colleges for Mid and South Essex

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Inclusion Thurrock (part of Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT)

Mellor House, Trust Headquarters, Corporation Street,

Stafford

ST16 3SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Internet address

<https://inclusionthurrock.org/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,714,504

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

This award is being made to Inclusion Thurrock (MPFT) as Lead Provider on behalf of the Provider Partnership for Recovery Colleges:

1. TrustLinks (47 Fairfax Dr, Westcliff-on-Sea, Southend-on-Sea, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 9AG) - Substantial Sub Contractor
2. Provide CIC (Business Park, 900 The Crescent, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9YQ) - Substantial Sub Contractor

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The decision to undertake and award this Most Suitable Provider process procurement approach of Recovery Colleges for Mid and South Essex was NHS MSE ICB Board. The decision to award this procurement has been taken by the following approval committees at NHS MSE ICB:

Working and Decision-Making Group. (19th December 2024). There were no conflicts of interest identified among the procurement project group members approving the award of the procurement.

Conflicts of interest identified among the Working and Decision Making Group: 0. The non-conflicted members have assessed the nature and risk of this conflict, and have decided which steps to take to avoid or manage it in line with the ICB's organisational process for identifying and managing COIs.

The selected provider was selected due to achieving the highest scores across the Key Criteria used. The provider has been assessed and passed against the relevant Key Criteria. The Key Criteria was:

PSR Key Criteria 1 - Quality and Innovation 38.00%

PSR Key Criteria 2 - Value 10.00%

PSR Key Criteria 3 - Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability 26.00%%

PSR Key Criteria 4 - Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice 16.00%

PSR Key Criteria 5 - Social Value 10.00%

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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