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Award

retender Greater Essex Individual Placement and Support for Severe Mental Illness (IPS for SMI)

Essex County Council

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Scope

Reference

DN769504

Description

Essex County Council as lead commissioner is seeking to procure a service for Individual Placement and Support for Serious Mental Illness (IPS for SMI). The IPS for SMI is an employment support service integrated with secondary care mental health services to assist people who experience severe mental health conditions to find paid work. ECC is the lead commissioner for this service on behalf of the three ICBs in Essex, namely Mid and South Essex (MSE), Hertfordshire and West Essex (HWE), and Suffolk and North East Essex (SNEE). Please note that this service will not cover Hertfordshire or Suffolk. For the purposes of this procurement, this service is an ALL Essex service, which includes the Unitary Authorities of Southend and Thurrock.

Contract 1. retender Greater Essex Individual Placement and Support for Severe Mental Illness (IPS for SMI)

Supplier

- GET SKILLS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING LTD

Contract value

- £8,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

23 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 4 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may at its sole discretion extend the duration of this Agreement for a further maximum period of up to twenty-four (24) calendar months commencing on the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

The Council may serve such extension notice(s) on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that the duration of such extensions shall not in total exceed twenty-four (24) calendar months from the fifth anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKJ - South East (England)

Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
 - 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [QUALITY CARE RESOURCING LIMITED](#)
 - [BRIGHT IDEA STAFFING LIMITED](#)
 - [WATERFIELDS HEALTHCARE LTD](#)
 - [MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS](#)
 - [ESSEX PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST](#)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

BRIGHT IDEA STAFFING LIMITED

- Companies House: 14193339
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHT-3784-MQBT

Weston Business Centre, Office 17

Colchester

CO2 8JX

United Kingdom

Website: <https://brightideastaffing.co.uk/>

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

ESSEX PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

- NHS Organisation Data Service: R1L
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRRJ-6511-ZDJL

The Lodge, Lodge Approach

Wickford

SS11 7XX

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.eput.nhs.uk/>

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

GET SKILLS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING LTD

- Companies House: 07083531
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCWM-2653-WRMG

86-90, Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

United Kingdom

Email: businessdevelopment@getsetuk.co.uk

Website: <https://www.getsetuk.co.uk/>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

- Companies House: 01786914
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRCR-8189-HPDX

Waterside House Wearfield

Sunderland

SR5 2TZ

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.mhm.org.uk>

Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

QUALITY CARE RESOURCING LIMITED

- Companies House: 10067408
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRQV-7463-XZDJ

Office S11, Innovation Centre, Knowledge Gateway

Colchester

CO4 3ZQ

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.qualitycareresourcing.co.uk>

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

WATERFIELDS HEALTHCARE LTD

- Companies House: 14475853
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDGY-9179-LWJD

10 Floathaven Close, London

London

SE28 8SN

United Kingdom

Website: <https://waterfieldshealthcare.co.uk/>

Region: UKI51 - Bexley and Greenwich

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Contact name: Jon Rockstad

Email: ProcurementSandA@essex.gov.uk

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government