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Contract

## **Urgent Award - Breast Cancer Screening support in South Essex**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS England

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SE1 8UG

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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**

Urgent Award - Breast Cancer Screening support in South Essex

Reference number

AG25521

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is an Urgent Award under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

This is a 4 month contract with the option to extend for no more than 8 weeks for Breast Cancer Screening providing support to an existing provider.

Unforeseen circumstances with the Primary Provider of these services has resulted in a backlog of patients awaiting appointments. Due to the scale of the patient backlog and to ensure that they are seen as quickly as possible, bringing a third party provider in to support the contractor see these patients and reduce the backlog as quickly as possible was in the best interests of the patients as it reduces the waiting list and may result in improved outcomes of earlier diagnosis.

The awarded provider, InHealth, already holds Breast Screening Contracts in the London region and has capacity to support our primary contractor within the urgent timeframes without impacting other services.

#### **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: £180,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

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The awarded provider, InHealth, already holds Breast Screening Contracts in the London region and has capacity to support our primary contractor within the urgent timeframes without impacting other services.

The lifetime value of this contract is £180,000.00

The contract will run for 4 months from 15th September to 16th January with the option to extend for no more than 8 weeks.

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

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /  
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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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 an urgent award under Regulation 14 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023

#### **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**

10 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**

InHealth Intelligence

Windsor

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

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: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

This contract has been awarded under Regulation 14 due to the existing provider being suddenly unable to provide the full scope of services under an existing contract and a new/secondary provider has been needed to be found to address urgent safety concerns arising from the increased risk to patient health through increased wait times and late diagnosis.

The contract is for 4 months with the option to extend for no more than 8 weeks.

The decision makers were:

Decision made at NHS England, East of England's Public Health Oversight Group - consisting of:

Regional Director of Strategy and Commissioning of Public Health.

Deputy Director of Finance Oversight and Delivery.

Head of Public Health Commissioning - Cancer Screening.

Head of Public Health Commissioning - Strategy and Operations.

Head of Public Health Commissioning - Non-Cancer Screening and CHIS.

Regional Head of Health and Justice Commissioning.

Deputy Director of Healthcare Public Health.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

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

NHS England Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

London

SE1 8UG

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/how-commissioning-is-changing/nhs-provider-selection-regime/independent-patient-choice-and-procurement-panel/>