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Contract

Mental Health Step Down Service

Somerset Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0588ce

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Somerset Council

County Hall, The Crescent

Taunton

TA14DY

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.somerset.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mental Health Step Down Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Individuals accessing the service have been admitted on a psychiatric ward and no longer require to be in hospital. They need however further support with their recovery before returning home or/and require support with their housing as they find themselves homeless upon discharge.

Individuals accessing the service will have enduring Mental Health needs and as a result suffer from multiple disadvantage and exclusion. This will include past and present history of substance misuse, domestic violence and dealings with the criminal justice system.

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: £1,617,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service:

- Ensures continuity of support for the individual/ system flow of inpatient and community mental health services
- Provides a specialist service and support the recovery of people using a trauma informed approach
- Supports individuals to access universal services
- Eliminates long term cost and commitment from the ASC budget in the form of individual request for services/commissioned care and support
- Meets Somerset Council requirements under the Care Act 2014
- Demonstrates Somerset's commitment to parity of esteem with an "intermediate care" offer for Mental Health clients.
- Adheres to the Adult Social Care Strategy and priorities: 'Right Support, Right place, Right time'

Somerset Council proposes to direct award the Contract for these Services to the current provider following Direct Award Process C of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (PSR).

The lifetime value of the contract is: £1,617,000

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Price - Weighting: 0

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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 27.08.2025. 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: Yes

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

14 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rethink Mental Illness

28 Albert Embankment

London

SE1 7GR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

Companies House

1227970

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: £1,617,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,617,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Award decision makers:

Celine Antier, Senior Commissioning Officer

Stephen Miles, Head of Service Commissioning - Working Age Adults

No conflicts of interest were identified.

Key Criteria:

Social Value - 10% - this is Somerset Council's standard weighting for Social Value

Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice - 20% - moderate weighting but acknowledging the importance of the service being accessible to all who require it

Value - Pass/ fail - the Provider was asked to confirm that they would deliver the service for the proposed budget

Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability - 40% - this was given the highest weighting as it is the key to the service being successful

Quality and innovation - 30% - high weighting to signify the importance of innovation in creating positive outcomes for people

The Provider scored 'Good' or 'Very good' for each Key Criteria

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>