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Award

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-050237

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-058b76

Published 20 August 2025, 3:00pm

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Liverpool Road

Chester

CH21UL

Email

info@coch-cps.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.coch.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

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

Reference number

F/102/MHWS/25/SB

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice.

The relevant Tender Notice was 2025/S 000-013977 with OCID ocds-h6vhtk-04ffb2.

The awarding of this framework agreement 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 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 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 midnight at the end of 2nd September 2025 to info@coch-cps.co.uk. This framework agreement has not yet been formally concluded; this notice serves as an intention to establish the framework agreement under the PSR.

The award decision makers were two Senior Commercial Procurement Specialists, the Commercial Procurement Manager and the Director of Commercial Procurement Services.

The Key Criteria were:

- Social Value 10%
- Value - Commercial Questionnaire 10%

- Quality and Innovation 30%
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability 30%
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice 20%

The framework will be available to all Relevant Authorities (and any future successors to these organisations). "Relevant Authority" is defined in section 12ZB(7) of the National Health Service Act 2006 and in section 10A(9) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

The overall aim of the Framework Agreement is to provide Mental Health and Wellbeing services for young people, adults or both. The Framework intends to cover a range of services that fall within the scope of Mental Health and Wellbeing services, delivered either virtually or in person.

In accordance with Regulation 17 of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and Regulation 17 of The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025, new Providers may be added to this Framework during the Term of the Framework. Award of a Framework Agreement does not guarantee or imply any commitment to award a Call-off Contract by any Relevant Authority.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £0.01 / Highest offer: £135,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312330 - Family-planning services
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions
- 85312500 - Rehabilitation services

- 85312510 - Vocational rehabilitation services
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This notice is an intention to conclude a framework agreement using the competitive process.

The approximate lifetime value of the framework agreement is £135,000,000 Ex VAT but no commitment to award a Call-off Contract is implied or given.

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

ABL HEALTH LIMITED

Bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD34 - Greater Manchester South West

Companies House

07074944

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

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Athona Limited

Romford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI5 - Outer London – East and North East

Companies House

04854351

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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BARNARDO'S

Ilford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

Companies House

00061625

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Elective Services Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

11208789

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Everyone Health Ltd

Hinckley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

Companies House

04215584

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Focus Counselling Services (Hull) Ltd

Hull

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Companies House

04613295

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Foremost Care UK Limited

Southgate

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

10692695

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Health Assured Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Companies House

6314620

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Kooth Digital Health Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

04154208

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Liva Healthcare UK Limited

Guildford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

10717560

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

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MINDLER LTD

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

12232933

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

Companies House

RS007104

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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NXG ENTERPRISES LIMITED

London,

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

09359060

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Oakdale Centre Community Interest Company Ltd

North Yorkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Companies House

10277025

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Onebright Limited

York

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Companies House

9507950

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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PAM Wellbeing Ltd

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Companies House

07475231

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Physio4gps Ltd

Canterbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

12601795

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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THE OWL CENTRE LIMITED

Cheltenham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

07880303

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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HEALTHHERO SOLUTIONS LIMITED

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

03766413

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Therapy Centre Services Ltd

Worcestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Companies House

11773778

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this framework agreement is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award. The

standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Written representations should be sent to: info@coch-cps.co.uk Representations by providers must be made to the Framework Host by midnight at the end of 2nd September 2025

This framework agreement has not yet been formally concluded; this notice serves as an intention to establish the framework agreement under the PSR.

The decision was proposed by a Senior Commercial Specialist at Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and approved by the Commercial Procurement Manager and the Director of Commercial Procurement Services for Countess of Chester Hospital

NHS Foundation Trust.

No conflicts of interest were detected or declared during the procurement process.

The relative importance of the key criteria that the relevant authority used to make a decision are set out in this notice. Each of the Key Criteria elements were weighted in consideration of the subject-matter and with a view to securing the needs of the

people who use the services, improving the quality of the services, and improving the efficiency of in the provision of the services.

The chosen providers met the selection criteria, passed the PASS/FAIL Key Criteria and met or exceeded the published required minimum total score of 65% across the remaining Key Criteria for award to the Framework Agreement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Chester

Email

info@coch-cps.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Representations by providers must be made to the Framework Host by midnight at the end of 2nd September 2025.