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Consortium 2.0 Community Equipment Service

Islington Council

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Scope

Reference

2526-0276

Description

Provision of community equipment to support independence, hospital discharge, and care at home for adults and children. Includes supply, maintenance, and collection of items.

Contract 1. 2526-0276 Consortium 2.0 Community Equipment Service

Supplier

- Essex Cares Limited

Contract value

- £4,435,750 excluding VAT
- £5,322,900 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 September 2025 to 11 September 2026
- Possible extension to 11 September 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Up to an additional 24 months could be required to allow sufficient time for planning in a very restricted market, in the form of two optional 12-month extensions.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

The Council has a statutory duty to provide the integrated community equipment and service pursuant to the Care Act 2014. The existing provider has notified the Council that they will cease trading from 15 September 2025 and therefore cease providing these services to the Council. Due to the short notice provided by the incumbent provider it is impossible to commission a new contract within the relevant timescales and ensure continuity of service. It is necessary for the Council to urgently award a replacement contract to secure continuity of these critical statutory services in Camden. The Council has considered all options and has concluded that due to this extreme urgency a directly awarded contract under Section 41 and Sections 13 and 14 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 to Essex Cares Limited should be made.

Supplier

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government