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Contract

## **Provision of Co-occurring Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug (COMHAD) Services**

London Borough of Bromley

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

London Borough of Bromley

Bromley Civic Centre, Churchill Court, 2 Westmoreland Road

Bromley

BR11AS

#### **Email**

[procurement@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@bromley.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI61 - Bromley

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Co-occurring Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug (COMHAD) Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

COMHAD supports both Bromley mental health and Bromley substance misuse services that enable the long-term recovery, rehabilitation, and social re-integration of people in Bromley affected by co-occurring substance use and mental ill health.

COMHAD is a small element of a wider mental health service but an important pathway as it avoids excluding people because of their alcohol/drug use. COMHAD also provides a pathway for those who may otherwise be excluded from drug and alcohol treatment services due to their mental health issues.

Residents with COMHAD challenges represent a significant proportion of the treatment population across both the mental health service (Oxleas) and the substance use service. Effective collaboration between these services is essential to achieving the best outcomes for individuals accessing support.

#### **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: £511,310

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI61 - Bromley

Main site or place of performance

The service will be undertaken within the London Borough of Bromley.

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

COMHAD supports both Bromley mental health and Bromley substance misuse services that enable the long-term recovery, rehabilitation, and social re-integration of people in Bromley affected by co-occurring substance use and mental ill health. Bromley has a higher proportion (37%) of new clients presenting with a co-occurring mental health condition compared to England (24%). Within acute mental health settings up to 70% of clients have co-occurring needs. Substance use continues to be a significant factor in hospital admissions and serious incidents. Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust is uniquely positioned to deliver COMHAD provision due to:

- ? Exclusive access to patient records within community mental health services
- ? Ability to identify and support eligible individuals
- ? Supporting a 'no wrong door' approach, residents can access support regardless of their entry point, mental health or substance use services.

Third parties could not access the necessary information to deliver COMHAD effectively.

COMHAD provision is clinically embedded within community mental health services. In essence, COMHAD is not a standalone service, it functions as an integrated component of community mental health provision. Disaggregating it could compromise service quality, patient safety and statutory compliance.

The Award has been made following Direct Award Process A of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) 2023 Regulations.

The contract will be for a period of three years commencing on 1st April 2026 with a whole life value of £511.310.00

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

Quality criterion - Name: No Realistic Alternative Provider / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contract to Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust was awarded via the Direct Award A process of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) 2023. Justification for the Direct

Award include:

- The current existing contract is ending 31 March 2026.
- The proposed contract terms and conditions are not changing.
- The London Borough of Bromley, in partnership with the ICB (Integrated Care Board), already commissions Oxleas to provide community mental health services. This integrated arrangement supports joined-up care pathways, which are essential for residents with co-occurring conditions.
- The London Borough of Bromley is satisfied that the provision offered by the current provider (Oxleas) is of a good standard. The service is meeting clinical, operational and safeguarding expectations.
- Oxleas is uniquely positioned to deliver COMHAD provision due to:

? Exclusive access to patient records within community mental health services

? Ability to identify and support eligible individuals

? Supporting a 'no wrong door' approach, residents can access support regardless of their entry point, mental health or substance use services.

- Third parties could not access the necessary information to deliver COMHAD effectively. This could compromise the Council's ability to meet its statutory duties under health and social care legislation.

- COMHAD provision is clinically embedded within community mental health services. Disaggregating it would:

- Fragment care
- Introduce clinical risk
- Undermine service efficiency and service user outcomes.

Which would all result in the provider not being able to fulfil the requirements of the contract.

- A direct award to the community mental health provider in Bromley aligns with local practice across SEL (South East London) and Bromley's neighbouring boroughs. COMHAD provision is consistently delivered by the community mental health provider in each borough and reflects a regional best practice model, reinforcing the appropriateness of a direct award to Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust.

- COMHAD is not a standalone service, it functions as an integrated component of community mental health provision. Disaggregating it could compromise service quality, patient safety and statutory compliance.

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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:

The Contract was awarded in accordance with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) 2023, in particular Direct Award A of the Regulations.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

28 August 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**

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Pinewood House, Pinewood Place,

Dartford, Kent

DA2 7WG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £511,310

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a Health Care services (Provider Selection Regime) 2023 confirmation of contract award notice. The contract to Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust has been award in accordance with

Direct Award A process of the Regulations. For avoidance of doubt, the provisions of either the Public Contract Regulations 2025 or the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award.

The Award was approved by the Council's Director of Public Health on 28th August 2025. No conflicts of Interest were identified among the officers proposing the Award or Director who Approved the Award.

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand, Holborn.

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)