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Contract

## **Intermediate Care Ward GP Provision**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059b4f

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

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

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

729 The Ridge

St Leonards on Sea

TN37 7PT

#### **Contact**

Procurement

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.esht.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**

Intermediate Care Ward GP Provision

Reference number

ES/25/1435

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Onsite and offsite GP Services to support patient discharge.

#### **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: £125,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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

Onsite and offsite GP Services to support patient discharge.

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

Price

#### **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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

In these circumstances, the Trust determined that proceeding via an urgent procurement route was both proportionate and necessary, as competition was impractical within the timeframe available and failure to proceed would have had a significant adverse impact on service delivery and patient care.

#### **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**

1 September 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**

HASTINGS INTEGRATED FAMILY HEALTHCARE GP FEDERATION

St Leonard's Medical Centre, 126 Bexhill Road

St Leonard's On Sea,

TN38 8BL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

Lowest offer: £125,000 / Highest offer: £125,000 taken into consideration

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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 Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.'

The reasons why regulation 14 applied.

The requirement to open an intermediate care ward at Conquest Hospital arose following the successful launch of a similar ward at Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH). It was initially anticipated that the contracted supplier at EDGH would expand its services to Conquest; however, unforeseen recruitment challenges made this unachievable.

To ensure continuity of patient flow and mitigate system pressures, the Trust required immediate access to additional GP services to provide onsite cover from 09:00–12:00 and on-call support from 12:00–16:00, Monday to Friday. The service was scheduled to commence on 2 September 2025, with staff already mobilised and the ward repurposed in readiness.

Any delay in implementation would have undermined mobilisation, wasted resources already committed, and directly resulted in hospital beds being occupied by patients no longer requiring acute care. This would have exacerbated bed occupancy pressures, delayed discharges, and increased risk to patient flow across the Trust.

In these circumstances, the Trust determined that proceeding via an urgent procurement route was both proportionate and necessary, as competition was impractical within the timeframe available and failure to proceed would have had a significant adverse impact on service delivery and patient care.

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

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

ESHT

District General Hospital

Eastbourne

Bn21 2ud

Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution

70 Fleet Street

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