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Contract

Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) for Mid and South Essex

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059c4d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

National registration number

99E

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.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

Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) for Mid and South Essex

Reference number

ACE-0843-2025-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The contract award for Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board. MHSTs are a government initiative to help increase children and young people's access to support for emotional wellbeing and mental health. MHSTs are part of the national Children and Young People's Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (CYP-IAPT) programme. MHSTs are a resource in addition to the already existing support in any particular education setting.

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: £18,186,183

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An award has been made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board following Direct Award Process A in line with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The service started on 01st September 2025 for a period of 24 months, plus the option to extend for a further 12 months (3-year total contract term).

The annual contract value is £6,062,061.00. The lifetime value of the contract is £18,186,183.00.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: No realistic alternative provider / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The service started on the 01st September 2025 for a period of 24 months (2-years) with the option to extend for a further 12 months (1-year)

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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) confirmation of contract award notice. 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.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Mid and South Essex Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs)

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

NELFT NHS Foundation Trust

CEME Centre - West Wing Marsh Way

Rainham

RM13 8GQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £18,186,183

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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The decision makers for this award is the ICB Executive Board. There were no Conflicts of Interest declared or identified by individuals making the decision.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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