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Contract

## **Adult Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Lincolnshire**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05240e

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

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

NHS England

7&8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

#### **Contact**

Sarah Groves

#### **Email**

[sarah.groves4@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.groves4@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

Adult Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Lincolnshire

Reference number

AG240626

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

This is an Intention to Award notice to provide Adult Sexual Assault Referral Services in Lincolnshire. Following a robust competitive procedure commissioners intend to award Partnering Health Ltd with the contract to provide Adult SARC services in Lincolnshire.

#### **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: £4,037,894

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF30 - Lincolnshire

Main site or place of performance

Lincolnshire

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

Sexual assault referral centres, or SARCs, provide a safe space and dedicated care for anyone who has been raped, sexually assaulted or abused. They offer a range of services, including crisis care, medical and forensic examinations, emergency contraception and testing for sexually transmitted infections. They can also arrange access to an independent sexual violence advisor (ISVA), as well as referrals to mental health support and voluntary sector sexual violence support services.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice following a competitive process for the provision of the Adult Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Lincolnshire for NHS England Midlands.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £4,037,894.

This is an existing services and this will be a new provider.

The contract will start 01/04/2026 and end 31/03/2033 (this includes the commissioners option to extend for 2 years)

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

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents / Weighting: 95

Price - Weighting: 5

#### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-026815](#)

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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**

2 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Partnering Health limited

Fareham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £4,037,894

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,037,894

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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 contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulation 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by provider must be made to the relevant authority by 15 October 2025. This contract has not yet been formally awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

All representations should be sent via the messaging area Atamis portal, reference number C362334.

The decision to award the contact was made by NHS England (Midlands) Regional Commissioning Board, no conflicts of interest were identified.

Key criteria weighting;

Quality and innovation 44%

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice 16%

Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability 10%  
Social Value 10%  
Value and efficiencies including FMT 20%

The key criteria was selected based on the needs of service. The successful provider scored the highest score overall against the weighted key criteria published above.

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

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

NHS England Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

London

SE1 8UG

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/how-commissioning-is-changing/nhs-provider-selection-regime/independent-patient-choice-and-procurement-panel/>