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Award

Select Item 1 Consultant SME - for Catering Managed Services Tender

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

C388826

Description

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSE NHS FT) provides hospital and community healthcare services to the Mid and South Essex population. The Trust's primary aim is to deliver safe, high-quality, and sustainable care, supporting patients, staff, and visitors through services that enhance wellbeing. Catering services form an integral part of patient care, contributing to nutrition, recovery, and overall patient experience.

The Trust is committed to delivering modern, patient-centred services and seeks suppliers who can support this vision. The catering services required aim to:

- provide high-quality meals that meet nutritional standards for patients, staff, and visitors;
- offer flexible, responsive, and innovative catering solutions;

- support sustainability and efficiency objectives, including minimising food waste; and
- work collaboratively with the Trust to enhance the overall patient and staff experience.

To ensure the catering specification meets clinical, operational, and patient needs, the Trust requires the involvement of subject matter experts (SMEs). These SMEs, acting as consultants, will support the development of the specification, providing specialist knowledge on nutrition, clinical requirements, operational delivery, and patient experience. Their involvement will help ensure that the procurement delivers safe, high-quality, and sustainable catering services. Please review Document 2 – Specification for full set of requirements.

Contract 1. Consultant SME - for Catering Managed Services Tender

Supplier

- Akeso & Company Limited

Contract value

- £97,619.95 excluding VAT
- £117,143.94 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

17 October 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 9 May 2026
- Possible extension to 9 November 2026
- 1 year

Description of possible extension:

6 month optional extension available at the trusts discretion

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPV classifications

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
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Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBVJ-9475-ZCMD

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government