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Contract

NENC032 - Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs.

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

PEMBERTON HOUSE COLIMA AVENUE SUNDERLAND ENTERPRISE PARK

Sunderland

SR53XB

Email

nencicb.procurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC23 - Sunderland

NHS Organisation Data Service

QHM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.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

NENC032 - Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs.

Reference number

NENC032

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

INTENTION TO AWARD NOTICE - Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs.

Previous transparency notices related to this include:

Prior Information Notice - 2025/S 000-057633 the reference detailed in Section IV 2.1 is a placeholder and the above reference is the correct one linked to this process.

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: £16,070,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel
- 85144000 - Residential health facilities services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NTENTION TO AWARD NOTICE for Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs. North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (Relevant Authority) intend to award a contract under the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) process for the provision of a Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs

Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 11:59:59 p.m.14 November 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR. Written representations should be sent to NENC ICB at nencicb.procurement@nhs.net.

These are previous/current existing services which were published to the market with a revised service specification for an Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs. NENC ICB published a Prior Information Notice 2025/S 000-057633 on 18 September 2025 inviting the market to submit an Expression of Interest in accordance with the process that must be followed when awarding a contract under the most suitable provider processed defined in Regulations

6(6) and 10 of PSR 2023.

As detailed in the published specification, the service requires an Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs to be delivered from a central location within Tees Valley.

The reference detailed in Section IV 2.1 is a placeholder and the above reference is the correct one linked to this process.

The intended contract will run for an initial term of five years from 01 February 2026, with the option of extending for a further five years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Agree to set Financial Envelope / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

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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:

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) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the Standstill Period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers at

nencicb.procurement@nhs.net by 11:59:59 pm on 14 November 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Tees Valley Adults Respite/ Short Breaks Service for people with a Learning Disability and Complex Health Needs.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 October 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

Middlesbrough Council

Middlesbrough

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,070,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Service requirements were measured and assessed against the 5 Key Criteria of the PSR 2023 and with the rationale being the focus on providing an integrated model that meets new requirements.

The Relevant Authority considered the service requirements, the relative importance of each of the PSR 2023 5 key criteria against the contracting arrangements, and what beneficial outcomes need to be achieved from the services. This information was used to determine what evidence would be assessed to confirm alignment with the 5 key criteria

Following publication of a PIN on 18 September 2025 inviting Expressions of Interest, the Relevant Authority assessed all responses against the published 5 key Criteria and service specific criteria to evidence the identified most suitable provider's suitability.

Following assessment, review, recommendation for Award Decision, and an Award Decision was requested and received through the NENC ICB governance process:

Conflicts of interests were managed throughout the process. Potential conflicts of interests identified among potential project team members were assessed by non conflicted members. Individuals who identified a potential perceived conflict of interest were not given access to project documents or included in project discussions until it was confirmed they did not have a conflict.

All governance committee meetings were briefed on the potential for conflicts of interests and conflicts with committee and board members were managed with any identified potential/perceived conflicted individuals not receiving copies of the MSP Outcome report and that member being asked to and agreeing to remove themselves from the meeting where the review and recommendation approval of the MSP process Outcome and agreement of the identification of the Most Suitable Provider was completed.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NENC ICB Independent Representation Review Panel

Pemberton House, Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

Country

United Kingdom