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Contract

## **Specialist Support with Feeding Plan to enable Hospital Discharge / Placement**

NHS CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

1 Lakeside 920, Centre Park Square,

Warrington

WA1 1QY

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD61 - Warrington

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QYG

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.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**

Specialist Support with Feeding Plan to enable Hospital Discharge / Placement

Reference number

25-26-QYG-99A-VNNQL-Con

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This urgent contract award relates to the specific, complex support required to enable feeding for a patient currently within a local acute hospital upon discharge to local placement arrangements within a community setting. The patient is currently subject to Court of Protection oversight and frequent court rulings. The support required includes administering feeds twice per day as part of a structured feeding plan under clinical supervision using the least restrictive methods of restraint.

#### **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: £474,000

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Main site or place of performance

Liverpool Place

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

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB - Liverpool Place has awarded this contract on the grounds of urgency for the provision of specific, complex support required to enable feeding for a patient currently within a local acute hospital upon discharge to local placement arrangements within a community setting. The patient is currently subject to Court of Protection oversight and frequent court rulings.

The support required includes administering feeds twice per day as part of a structured feeding plan under clinical supervision using the least restrictive methods of restraint. The Individual requires intensive interventions as part of their discharge plan which needed to be mobilised quickly and safely.

The Contract has been awarded for an initial period of 6 months (22nd September 2025 to 21st March 2026) with an option to extend for a further 6 months (21st August 2026).

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

Quality criterion - Name: To address an immediate risk to safety and quality of care /  
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract has been awarded for an initial period of 6 months with an option to extend for a further 6 months.

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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) 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.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

25-26-QYG-99A-VNNQL-Con

### Title

Specialist Support with Feeding Plan to enable Hospital Discharge / Placement

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 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**

Independent Clinical Services Ltd (Trading as Thornbury Community Services)

4th Floor, 9 Appold Street,

London

EC2A 2AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

04768329

Internet address

<https://www.thornburycommunityservices.co.uk/>

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: £474,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £474,000

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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.

This urgent contract award is to ensure the individual is moved to a more appropriate setting to meet their highly complex needs and supports a safe discharge plan. The current setting (hospital) is deemed by mental health and physical health clinicians to be more harmful and impacting negatively on their mental health. The Individual requires intensive interventions as part of their discharge plan which need to be mobilised quickly and safely. This plan has been subject to Court of Protection hearings.

Decision-making with regards to this patient and associated contracts has been undertaken by C&M ICB (Liverpool Interim Place Director and Associate Director of Quality & Safety Improvement) and Social Care Senior Directors as part of a Complex Cases Panel informed through the local Commissioners and wider Multi-Disciplinary Team supporting the Individual's care.

There have been no conflicts of interest declared at any stage of decision-making and contract award process.

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

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

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