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Special Care & Paediatric Dentistry (SCPD) to NHS Sussex ICB

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) on behalf of NHS England

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/nhs-sussex/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Special Care & Paediatric Dentistry (SCPD) to NHS Sussex ICB

Reference number

WA18630

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85131000 - Dental-practice services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an intention to award notice.

Special Care & Paediatric Dentistry (SCPD) services are available for children and adults with additional needs who are unable to have treatment at a general dental practice. It is a referral-only service, providing a range of dental treatments for children and adults with additional needs, including physical or learning disabilities, or where they have a need for additional support to receive treatment. Home visits are also provided for patients who are housebound. People are usually referred in via their dentist or doctor.

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) intends to award contracts to 2 existing

providers following Direct Award Process C of the UK Health Care Services (PSR) Regulations 2023 for SCPD services in the Sussex area. 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.

The existing SCPD contracts have previously been contracted under the Standard Clauses For A Personal Dental Services (PDS) Agreement and include the provision of general anaesthetic (GA) services. As the provision of services under GA is excluded under clause 73 of the PDS contract, SCPD GA services will instead be contracted for separately under NHS standard contracts.

The terms of the existing SCPD contracts are due to expire on 31st March 2026 and NHS Sussex ICB have proposed that new SCPD and SCPD GA contracts should replace the existing contracts at the end of their term. All requirements outlined in Regulation 6(5) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 have been met, including that the considerable change threshold has not been met, and therefore Direct Award Process C has been determined as the appropriate provider selection process.

After conducting assessments of the existing providers, taking into account the key criteria and applying the basic selection criteria, NHS Sussex ICB is content that the existing providers are satisfying the original contracts and will likely satisfy the proposed contracts to a sufficient standard.

The awarded contracts will each be for a term of up to 2 years and are due to commence from 1st April 2026. The total maximum contract value of these contracts is £15,188,196.

There are 4 contracts being awarded to 2 providers as follows:-

1. SCPD for West Sussex & Brighton & Hove - Sussex Community Foundation Trust
2. SCPD GA for West Sussex & Brighton & Hove - Sussex Community Foundation Trust
3. SCPD for East Sussex - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
4. SCPD GA for East Sussex - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-076661](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

VI.3

Place of text to be modified

Paragraph 11 date by which representations must be made

Instead of

Text

Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 4th December 2025

Read

Text

Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 5th December 2025

Section number

IV.1.1

Place of text to be modified

Explanation: date by which representations must be made

Instead of

Text

Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 4th December 2025

Read

Text

Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 5th December 2025