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Contract

## **Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) for Mid and South Essex**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-079657

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059c4d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

SS14 3HG

#### **Contact**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

#### **Email**

[cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk](mailto:cariad.burgess@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**National registration number**

99E

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) for Mid and South Essex

Reference number

ACE-0843-2025-MSE

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

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

Services

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) for Mid and South Essex (Wave 14)

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

## Mid and South Essex Health Economy

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The contract award for Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (herein referred to as the 'Authority'. MHSTs are a government initiative to help increase children and young people's access to support for emotional wellbeing and mental health. MHSTs are part of the national Children and Young People's Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (CYP-IAPT) programme. MHSTs are a resource in addition to the already existing support in any particular education setting.

An award has been made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board following Direct Award Process A in line with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The service started on 01st September 2025 for a period of 24 months, plus the option to extend for a further 12 months (3-year total contract term). The annual contract value is £6,062,061.00. The lifetime value of the contract is £18,186,183.00.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

31 August 2028

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

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-057362](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

Mental Health Support Teams for Schools (MHSTs) Mid and South Essex (Wave 14)

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

26 November 2025

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

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

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

NELFT NHS Foundation Trust

CEME Centre - West Wing Marsh Way

Rainham

RM13 8GQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £18,186,183

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. 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. The decision makers for this process were the NHS England's National Commissioning Group. There were no conflicts of interests declared in reaching the decision to award.

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

United Kingdom

## Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

### VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

#### VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

#### VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex Health Economy

#### VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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An award has been made by NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board following Direct Award Process A in line with the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The service started on 01st September 2025 for a period of 24 months, plus the option to extend for a further 12 months (3-year total contract term). The annual contract value is £6,062,061.00. The lifetime value of the contract is £18,186,183.00.

The funding for this service is set by NHSE and is allocated to the Authority to support this government initiative.

Following the publication of the Contract Award Notice (Notice Number: 2025/S 000-057362 | Notice Reference: 2025-047923) , the Authority is publishing this modification notice in line with the additional funding received for 'Wave 14' for the service provision. The effective date of this contract variation will be 01st January 2026 where the 'Wave 14' funding will provide an additional £2,416,000.00.

The original contract value published was £18,186,183. The aggregate value of this

contract variation will be £2,416,000.00 (which represents a 13.28% increase). The new aggregate contract value £20,602,183.00

The contract duration remains 01st September 2025 for a period of 24 months, plus the option to extend for a further 12 months (3-year total contract term), with the contract value variation effective from 01st January 2026.

**VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 January 2026

End date

31 August 2028

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£2,416,000

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

NELFT NHS Foundation Trust

CEME Centre - West Wing Marsh Way

Rainham

RM13 8GQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The funding for this service is set by NHSE and is allocated to the Authority to support this government initiative.

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### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The funding for this service is set by NHSE and is allocated to the Authority to support this government initiative.

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### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £18,186,183

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £20,602,184