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Contract

Life After Stroke

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-082529

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-055142

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

Contact

Stuart Meredith

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.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

Life After Stroke

Reference number

C360743

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO AWARD:

The Life After Stroke Service will provide a seamless experience for stroke survivors to provide a person centred and needs based service that supports stroke survivors whilst reducing inequity of provision across Sussex and preventing secondary strokes.

Contract length: 5-year contract with an option to extend for a further 2-years

Annual contract value: £372,153

Total contract value (5-year + 2-year option) = £2,605,071

Contract service dates = 2nd April 2025 to 31st March 2030

2-year extension dates = 1st April 2030 to 31st March 2032

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: £2,605,071

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Life After Stroke Service will provide a seamless experience for stroke survivors to provide a person centred and needs based service that supports stroke survivors whilst reducing inequity of

provision across Sussex and preventing secondary strokes.

This service will deliver the following key elements of the NHS recommended integrated Life After Stroke service model. These are the core elements based on stroke survivor

and carer/family priorities identified through clinical and public engagement.

The core elements are:

- Post Stoke Reviews
- Supported Self-Management Education
- Self-Management Peer Support

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents / Weighting: 85

Cost criterion - Name: The contract award criteria are specified in the procurement documents / Weighting: 15

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Notice number: [2025/S 000-034195](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Stroke Association

Stroke Association House, 240 City Road

London

EC1V 2PR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00061274

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: £2,605,071

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,605,071

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 and the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by Midnight (11:59pm) on the 24th December 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 Stuart Meredith at the following email address: stuart.meredith1@nhs.net.

No conflicts of interest were identified. Decision maker: Deputy Chief Integration & Primary Care Officer and Director of Joint Commissioning, NHS Sussex.

Evaluation key Criteria

The service evaluation was reviewed against the 5 key criteria:

The key criteria were weighted as follows:

- Quality and innovation - 25%
- Value -15%
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability - 25%
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice -25%
- Social Value -10%

Quality & Innovation: This criterion shares the heaviest weighting, which was accessed equally to the "improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice" and "integration, collaboration and service sustainability" criteria. This weighting reflects our commitment that this service is of the highest quality for stroke survivors, to ensure that they receive a personalised and seamless experience that enables them to feel supported.

Value: The Value criterion is significant in that providers will need to ensure that they are able to utilise funding to maximise benefits to stroke survivors, ensuring they meet individualised needs and preferences when it will benefit stroke survivors most. If they are able to do this in an effective way, this in turn adds value by supporting the system, providing a crucial prevention element that can save whole system funding and improve whole system efficiency around the use of resources. Funds will need to be utilised efficiently and effectively to deliver a sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective service.

Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability: This criterion shares the heaviest weighting, which was accessed equally to the "improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice" and "quality and innovation" criteria. Integration and collaboration is key to ensure a seamless experience to patients, as well as motivating stroke survivor engagement with the service. A cohesive system partnerships between providers, local VCSE assets, the local authority services will allow wide opportunity for stroke survivors needs to be met and utilise existing community assets whilst reducing duplication, as well as supporting the sustainability of local services.

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice: This criterion shares the heaviest weighting, which was assessed equally to the "Quality and Innovation" and "Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability" criteria. Stroke is most likely to impact certain genders and ethnicities, and when the determinants of health are also considered, areas of greater deprivation paired with an older age profile see the biggest prevalence of stroke and other Cardio Vascular Disease (CVD) events. The weighting for this score reflects our commitment to ensure that this resource is targeted towards those who have the biggest need and who can benefit most from it, improving health outcome

four our most disadvantaged population.

Social Value: This criterion recognises the potential impact of services and their contributions to broader social, economic, and environmental improvements in the community. Although this hasn't been weighted as heavily, it is important that providers are able to evidence their commitment to these areas, such as paying workers living wage, reducing consumption and waste and offering student placements and apprenticeships.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS England

Skipton House, 80 London Road

London

SE1 6LH

Country

United Kingdom