

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/082780-2025>

Award

Direct Payment Support Services (AACC)

NHS SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-082780

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05ec4a ([view related notices](#))

Published 15 December 2025, 10:15am

Scope

Description

This contract provides person-centred support to individuals managing Direct Payments or Personal Health Budgets for employing Personal Assistants (PA). Services include tailored guidance, budgeting assistance, legal and employment advice, and provision of customisable templates such as contracts and job descriptions. Ensuring data protection compliance and promotes safe recruitment practices, including DBS checks and eligibility verification. To support PA training, dispute resolution, and access to additional services like payroll and insurance. It facilitates recruitment through its PA Pages platform and works collaboratively to shape local policy. The service is to be flexible, accessible, and committed to continuous improvement and innovation in Direct Payment support.

Contract 1. Direct Payment Support Services (AACC)

Supplier

- INDEPENDENT LIVES (DISABILITY)

Contract value

- £303,061.62 excluding VAT
- £363,673.94 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 24 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 February 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 1 month, 16 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract may be extended for a further 12 month period until 31st March 2028 subject to the Provider's good performance and the continuation of the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board's business need.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

INDEPENDENT LIVES (DISABILITY)

- Companies House: 08654797
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYMV-6266-DMZZ

Southfield House

Worthing

BN11 1RY

United Kingdom

Email: bd@independentlives.org

Website: <http://www.independentlives.org>

Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Direct Payment Support Services (AACC)

Contracting authority

NHS SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVDX-6283-RPQJ

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

United Kingdom

Email: sxicb.contractingandprocurement@nhs.net

Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Organisation type: Public authority - central government