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Contract

London Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder (EMHP) Service

NHS England

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-084911

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NHS Organisation Data Service

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Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

London Enhanced Mental Health Pathfinder (EMHP) Service

Reference number

PRJ2061

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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The EMHP is commissioned by the Health & Justice team, as part of NHS England London's Specialised Commissioning division.

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- Improve access to trauma informed care for survivors with complex mental health needs
- Tackle systemic barriers such as long waiting times, fragmented provision and restrictive eligibility criteria
- Support recovery, healing and long term welling being, including for those not engaged in the criminal justice system

The procurement process has been completed and this is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice.

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: £7,119,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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The providers will:

- Deliver training, consultation and workforce development to promote trauma-informed practice across systems

- Deliver enhanced biopsychosocial assessment and trauma-informed formulation
- Provide specialist input into care planning and trauma responsive interventions.
- Coordinate cross sector care navigation and care coordination
- Offer trauma and dissociation informed therapeutic support for individuals with the most complex presentations

The Pathfinder will be delivered through a lead provider or consortium model, underpinned by a formal Alliance Agreement to ensure equity between partners and shared accountability for outcomes. While strategic workforce components will be delivered at a pan London level, direct intervention will be tailored and delivered locally.

Contract Length and value:

The contract for the Service will be awarded for a period of 5 years (60 months), with an optional extension for a further period of 2 years (24 months). Therefore, the maximum duration of this contract, if all extension options are taken up will be 7 years (84 months).

5 year initial term Value: £5,085,000

7 year total possible lifetime value: £7,119,000

The Invitation to Tender documents can be found on the Procurement Portal at the below link:

https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend_CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a07Sr00000X11orIAB&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract 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 Procurement Act 2023 does not apply to this award.

The Procurement is being managed by the NHS London Commercial Hub (NHS LCH) hosted by NEL ICB, on behalf of the Authority, in connection with a competitive Invitation to Tender (ITT) exercise that is being conducted via a competitive process under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-031229](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Solace Women's Aid

9 Appold Street

London

EC2A 2AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

03376716

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,119,000

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 do not apply to this award.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by Monday 05 January 2026 (midnight). This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR. Written representations should be sent to hub.psrrepresentation@nhs.net

Details of the individual/individuals making the decision include Regional Director of Commissioning and Director of Commissioning Finance NHS England - London Region.

A breakdown of the relative importance of the 5 key criteria are specified in the procurement documents.

High level overview:

Exclusion and Basic selection criteria (Procurement Specific Questionnaire - Pass/Fail)

Key Criteria (ITT Questionnaire - Pass/Fail and Scored (88.00%))

Key Criteria (Bidder Presentation and Interview Stage - Scored (12.00%))

Rationale for choosing the provider:

Following full evaluation of the tenders and the interview process, a single consolidated score was established. The preferred bidder is the bidder that achieved the highest combined score against the key criteria and thereby demonstrated that their tender is the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). They have also achieved a 'Pass' score for the exclusion criteria and the basic selection criteria.

To safeguard against potential conflicts of interest influencing the procurement process and evaluations, all panel members signed conflict of interest declarations and non-disclosure agreements. Project members and Evaluators were informed of their role and the importance of the confidential nature of this procurement. No material conflicts were declared.

In addition, as part of the bid response all Bidders were required to submit conflict declarations in the Procurement Specific Questionnaire. No material conflicts were declared.

On the basis of the received declarations, The Authority and the NHS London Commercial Hub hosted by NHS North East London assured that the process has been conducted free of conflicts.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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