

United Kingdom-Epping: Health services
OJ S 45/2021 05/03/2021
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
Postal address: Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margaret's Hospital, The Plain
Town: Epping
NUTS code: UKH35 West Essex
Postal code: CM16 6TN
Country: United Kingdom
Contact person: Sarah Beaumont
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Internet address(es):
Main address: <http://westessexccg.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

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) for West Essex
Reference number: ACE-0407-2020-West

II.1.2. Main CPV code

85100000 Health services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

This contract award notice is to confirm the outcome of the evaluation process undertaken by West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group to appoint a capable provider to deliver a single contract for the delivery of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services across the West Essex area. The contract is being awarded to Vita Health Solutions Ltd.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 21 934 086,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKH35 West Essex

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

This contract award notice is to confirm the outcome of the evaluation process undertaken by West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group to appoint a capable provider to deliver a single contract for the delivery of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services across the West Essex area. The contract has been awarded to Vita Health Solutions Ltd. The casual connection between poverty, unemployment and social isolation and common mental health difficulties is well evidenced. Commissioners have therefore taken an innovative and positive new approach that locates the mandated clinical IAPT interventions within the wider socio-economic context in which the service and its users exist.

It is expected that, through a strong outward-focus and the establishment of formal referral connections to and from a wide range of existing provision across the area, within limited resources, the clinical IAPT interventions will be better supported to maximise their effectiveness and sustainability and improve service user outcomes.

The outward-looking ethos of this service will require a holistic assessment that understands psychological issues in the wider context in which they exist. A wholly clinical assessment will not be enough to gain such an understanding of each person and could lead to failure to pick up on important factors that cause or influence the presenting issue.

The national expectations of the IAPT service delivery are documented within the IAPT Manual and further developed in the Positive Practice Guides. These national documents must be used to inform the core delivery of the service. West Essex CCG has also developed its own local specification which does not rewrite the requirements and good practice guidance of these documents, but rather reinforces them and expects that they are used throughout.

The Manual describes the complexities involved in delivering an effective IAPT service, and Commissioners have built on it and the suite of Positive Practice Guides to construct their local specification.

Therefore, bidders must have regard to both the IAPT Manual and the local specification of West Essex CCG in forming their proposed service delivery model.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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 in the OJ S: [2020/S 218-536575](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 1

Title:

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies for West Essex

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

28/01/2021

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Vita Health Solutions Ltd

Postal address: Suffolk House, 7 Angel Hill

Town: Bury St Edmunds

NUTS code: UKH14 Suffolk

Postal code: IP33 1UZ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 21 934 086,00 GBP

V.2.5.

Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties Proportion: 8 % Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted: Provide STaR Workers and modality counselling
% of contractual obligations: 8.2 % over 7-year contract term

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Postal address: The Strand

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Postal address: Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margaret's Hospital, The Plain

Town: Epping

Postal code: CM16 6TN

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

02/03/2021