

CONTRACT NOTICE

Select Directive	Common notices
Section I: Contracting authority	
I.1) Name and addresses (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure)	
Official name:	NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board
Postal address:	Unit 10 Phoenix Court, Christopher Martin Road
Town:	Basildon
NUTS code:	UKH3
Postal code:	SS14 3HG
Country:	United Kingdom
E-mail:	amy.wilson@attain.co.uk
Main address: (URL)	https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk/
Name and addresses: (please repeat as many times as needed)	2
ANOTHER ADDRESS	
Official name:	NHS Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board
Postal address:	Charter House Parkway Welwyn Garden City
Town:	Hertfordshire
NUTS code:	UKH3
Postal code:	AL8 6JL
Country:	United Kingdom
E-mail:	amy.wilson@attain.co.uk
Main address: (URL)	https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk/

ANOTHER ADDRESS

Official name:	NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board
Postal address:	Aspen House Stephenson Road Severalls Business Park
Town:	Colchester
NUTS code:	UKH3
Postal code:	CO4 9QR
Country:	United Kingdom
Contact person:	Amy Jayne Alexandra Wilson
E-mail:	amy.wilson@attain.co.uk
Main address: (URL)	https://suffolkandnortheastsex.icb.nhs.uk/

I.2) Joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Select an option The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

(URL) <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from: the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted

electronically via: yes

(URL) <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: to the abovementioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: (URL) <https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Select an option: Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Select an option: Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) Title	
Value of the field:	Provision of a Pan Essex Dynamic Support Register Keyworker Service for Children and Young People with a diagnosed learning disability and/or autism
Reference number:	ACE-0771-2024-MSE
II.1.2) Main CPV code	
Select an option:	85323000
II.1.3) Type of contract	
Select an option:	Services
II.1.4) Short description	
Value of the field:	<p>The Authority invites responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver a (non-clinical) Dynamic Support Register Keyworker Service for children and young people with a diagnosed learning disability and / or autism (the Service).</p> <p>Hereafter all references to the Authority incorporates: NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB and NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB.</p> <p>Please note, the team facilitating this procurement is the LD/Autism Health Equalities Team (LD/A HET), hosted by Essex County Council, which works across the Transforming Care Partnership between the three Integrated Care Boards (ICB), which are named as Contracting Authorities in the Contract Notice, and the three Local Authorities. These are Essex County Council (ECC), Southend-on-Sea Unitary Authority and Thurrock Unitary Authority. The programme is delivered by all partners within the TCP, but the Service Development Funding (SDF) for this Service comes from NHSE directly to the ICB's. The partnership and funding flows are thereafter governed / mechanised under a Section 75 Agreement between partners, meaning the funding sits within ECC budgets purely as it hosts the LD/A HET team, to enable the team to deliver the programme of work. The Authority have taken the decision to name the ICBs in this Notice as the Commissioners, as the proposed Contract will be managed by ICB Contract Manager(s) and Commissioners. However, the successful bidder will be required to invoice ECC to enable the necessary payment mechanisms to be implemented because of where the funding is sitting/managed. The Local Authorities are not proposed to be party to the Contract.</p> <p>Further information can be found at sections II.2.4, II.2.14 and VI.3 and within the Procurement documents.</p>
II.1.5) Estimated total value	
Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system)	4715395
Currency:	Pound sterling
II.1.6) Information about lots	
This contract is divided into lots:	no
II.2) Description	
II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)	
Select an option	48180000, 48190000, 85000000, 85140000, 85323000
II.2.3) Place of performance	
NUTS code:	UKH3

Main site or place of performance:	Essex, including: North East Essex, West Essex, Mid Essex, Basildon & Brentwood, Thurrock, Southend-on-Sea and Castle Point and Rochford																															
II.2.4) Description of the procurement																																
(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)	<p>The Authority is undertaking an open tender to identify a suitably qualified and experienced and technically and professionally capable provider to deliver the Service for Children & Young People (CYP) with learning disabilities and/or autism (LD/A) up to the age of 25, within Southend, Essex & Thurrock (SET). Locally, SET have too many CYP with LD/A admitted to Tier 4 hospital settings according to national targets. Embedding the DSR Keyworker Service aims to reduce these admissions for those up to the age of 25 where avoidable and help to maintain and support the CYP's placement within the community. Further information can be found within the Tender Documents upon registration with the eProcurement Portal.</p> <p>The Contract will be for a term of 36 months from 1st April 2025 until 31st March 2028. The Authority is providing for a potential extension of up to 24 months until 31st March 2030 to future proof this contract, but this is in no way guaranteed, and activation of such extension will be at the sole discretion of the Authority based on fundamental principles, including the performance of the provider and results of any service evaluations undertaken.</p> <p>The aggregate value of the contract over the term (including extensions) as advertised in Find a Tender Service is £4,715,395 excluding VAT. The Contract Value for the three-year term, which will act as an affordability envelope for the purposes of bidding, is £2,829,147. Any bids received in excess of such affordability envelope will be rejected as non-compliant.</p> <p>The Authority is looking to appoint a single Preferred Bidder to manage all aspects of the Service. As such, a Lotting Strategy is deemed inappropriate as it risks creation of unnecessary fragmentation and complexity. Accordingly, the service will be offered as a single contract awarded to a single Preferred Bidder (either as a lead provider in it's own right, as a such as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) or consortium of providers, or in association with sub-contractors). Bidders will be required to confirm their Bidding Model including the legal form it takes. The Authority reserves the right to require members of any bidding group to assume a specific legal form if awarded the contract, if considered necessary for the satisfactory performance of the contract.</p> <p>As per advice from NHSE, the contract to be entered into by the Authority and the Preferred Bidder for the procurement will be based on the NHS Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Services.</p> <p>Further information can be found at sections II.2.14 and VI.3 and in the Procurement documents.</p>																															
II.2.5) Award criteria																																
Select an option:	Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents																															
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Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)	4526780
Currency:	Pound sterling
II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system	
Select an option:	Start / End
Start: (dd/mm/yyyy) /	01/04/2025
End: (dd/mm/yyyy)	31/03/2028
This contract is subject to renewal	yes
Description of renewals:	There is an option to extend for a further 24 months until 31/03/2030.
II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited	
II.2.10) Information about variants	
Variants will be accepted	no
II.2.11) Information about options	
Options	yes
Description of options:	There is an option to extend for a further 24 months until 31/03/2030.
II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues	
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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information	
III.1) Conditions for participation	
III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers	
List and brief description of conditions:	In accordance with Regulations 56 to 58 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) and as set out in the qualification envelope which is available with the procurement documents.
III.1.2) Economic and financial standing	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	
III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts	
III.2) Conditions related to the contract	
III.2.1) Information about a particular profession (only for service contracts)	
III.2.2) Contract performance conditions	
Value of the field:	See the form of Contract supplied with the procurement documents.
III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract	
Section IV: Procedure	
IV.1) Description	
IV.1.1) Type of procedure	
Select an option:	Open procedure
IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system	
IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue	
IV.1.5) Information about negotiation (only for competitive procedures with negotiation)	
IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction	
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 (One of the following: Prior information notice; Notice on a buyer profile)	
IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	18/11/2024
Local time: (hh:mm)	12:00
IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates	
IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted	
IV.2.4) Select an option:	EN
IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender	
or Duration in months	
(from the date stated for receipt of tender):	6
IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	18/11/2024
Local time: (hh:mm)	12:00

Section VI: Complementary information	
VI.1) Information about recurrence	
This is a recurrent procurement:	no
VI.2) Information about electronic workflows	
VI.3) Additional information	
Value of the field:	<p>The Services within this procurement fall within Section 7 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations"). Neither the inclusion of the Bidder at Qualification Stage nor the use of the terms Process Overview, Selection Questionnaire, or Invitation to Tender nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold themselves bound by any of the Regulations save those applicable to Public Contracts for social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (the "Light Touch" Regime).</p> <p>The Authority may wish to expand the Dynamic Support Register Keyworker Services during the lifetime of the contract ("Contract modification(s)"). To this end, Bidders should be aware that after the award of contract, there is a possibility that the successful Bidder may be offered a variation(s) to the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020), in the following potential circumstances and or situations where necessary;</p> <p>a) Appropriate alignment of the Service / Contract with the planned expansion of the DSR function for the SET TCP.</p> <p>b) As a result of learning from dependent contracts commissioned to support autistic CYP, those with a learning disability (or both) such as the All Age Autism Outreach Service.</p> <p>c) where additional funding becomes available to the Authority for delivery of service requirements that are similar and or complementary to the Keyworker Services already included in the Specification, at any given time, and do not modify the overall nature of the contract and or for delivery of the Keyworker Service over a longer duration in order to support sustainability of the Service and thorough evaluation of its effectiveness across the SET TCP. Such expansion would be by the addition of services commissioned by the Authority, where the Business Case provides objective evidence that contract variation is the most appropriate course of action, taking account of one or more of the following considerations; service safety, financial and economic impact, innovation, patient and public acceptability, impact on health inequalities, strategic alignment with National/Regional/Local strategic priorities, ability to improve multiple pathways, positive contribution to improved supply / improving service responsiveness, patient experience and health economy impact.</p> <p>Disclaimer: The Authority shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by respondents to this procurement in preparing and/or submitting such responses.</p> <p>To access the procurement documentation, please go to the Attain eProcurement Portal (Bravo powered by Jaggaer) at: https://attain.bravosolution.co.uk</p> <p>Click on 'Register here' and follow the on-screen instructions. You can access the ITT: 'itt_154 – Dynamic Support Register Keyworker Service for Children and Young People with a diagnosed learning disability and/or autism' by clicking on the link called 'View current opportunities' on the Home Page. Please note that the tender will not be accepted by any means other than through the Attain e-Procurement Portal.</p>
VI.4) Procedures for review	
VI.4.1) Review body	
Official name:	High Court of Justice of England and Wales
Town:	London
Postal code:	WC2A 2LL
Country:	United Kingdom
VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures	
Official name:	Public Procurement Review Service (PPRS)
Town:	London
Country:	United Kingdom
E-mail:	publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Internet address: (URL)	https://submit.forms.service.gov.uk/form/314/raise-a-concern-with-public-procurement-review-service/1293

VI.4.3) Review procedure	
VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained	
Official name:	NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board
Postal address:	Unit 10 Phoenix Court, Christopher Martin Road
Town:	Basildon, Essex
Postal code:	SS14 3HG
Country:	United Kingdom
E-mail:	amy.wilson@attain.co.uk
Internet address: (URL)	https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk/
VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice	
(dd/mm/yyyy)	16/10/2024