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Somerset NHS Foundation Trust – Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Annual Summary

Under Regulation 25 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, relevant authorities must publish a summary of their application of the PSR annually online (e.g., via the relevant authority's annual reports or annual governance statement).

The annual summaries must be published no later than six months following the end of the financial year it relates to.

This must include, in the year to which the summary relates, the:

- number of contracts directly awarded under direct award processes A, B or C
- number of contracts awarded under the most suitable provider process
- number of contracts awarded under the competitive process
- number of framework agreements concluded
- number of contracts awarded based on a framework agreement
- number of urgent contracts awarded and urgent modifications (in line with the urgent awards or contract modifications section)
- number of new providers awarded contracts
- number of providers who ceased to hold any contracts with the relevant authority
- details of representations received, including:
    - the number of representations received in writing and during the standstill period in accordance with Regulation 12(3)
    - summary of the outcome of all representations received and of the nature and impact of those representations.

In addition, relevant authorities are expected to publish:

- total number of providers the relevant authority is currently contracted with
- details of any reviews by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel:
    - number of requests for consideration received by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel
    - number of requests accepted and rejected by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel for consideration
    - number of times where the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel advised the relevant authority to re-run or go back to an earlier step in a provider selection process under the PSR, and the number of times the advice was followed.

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Number of contracts directly awarded under direct award processes A, B or C	28
Number of contracts awarded under the most suitable provider process	5
Number of contracts awarded under the competitive process	4
Number of framework agreements concluded	0
Number of contracts awarded based on a framework agreement	6
Number of urgent contracts awarded	4
Number of urgent contracts urgent modifications	6
Number of new providers awarded contracts	7
Number of providers who ceased to hold any contracts with the relevant authority	3
Details of representations received, including:	
The number of representations received in writing and during the standstill period in accordance with Regulation 12(3)	1
Summary of the outcome of all representations received and of the nature and impact of those representations: • The representation questioned the technical and quality evaluation, supplier feedback and the commercial evaluation. An independent review was undertaken and the Trust concluded that the procurement process had met the requirements under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 and therefore stood by the decision to award the contract as intended.	
In addition, relevant authorities are expected to publish:	
Total number of providers the relevant authority is currently contracted with	39
Details of any reviews by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel:	0
Number of requests for consideration received by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel	0
Number of requests accepted and rejected by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel for consideration	0
Number of times where the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel advised the relevant authority to re-run or go back to an earlier step in a provider selection process under the PSR, and the number of times the advice was followed.	0

Monitoring and Compliance

Under Regulation 25 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, relevant authorities must monitor their compliance with the Regulations. The results of the monitoring must be published online annually and include processes, decisions made under the PSR, contract modifications, declaration and management of conflicts of interests. Relevant authorities may use internal auditors to fulfil these requirements.

If a compliance report finds instance(s) of non-compliance, relevant authorities must put in place actions to address this issue and to improve adherence with the regime.

In March 2026 external auditors completed a PSR audit to provide assurance that the Trust is complying with the requirements under the PSR.

The audit reviewed 12 contracts awarded during 2025 under the following PSR processes:
Process A (2), Process C (4), Most Suitable (1), Competitive (2), Framework (1), Urgent (2).

The audit also reviewed five modifications made to existing contracts during the same calendar year.

Declarations of interest were reviewed to ensure there were no conflicts or where there may have been conflicts, that these were managed.

The audit did not find any non-compliance with the PSR Regulations and decision records were maintained for all contracts awarded.