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## **Digitising care and operational services, including Electronic Patient Record Systems**

NHS England

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03952e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Contact**

Herlin Joseph

#### **Email**

[herlin.joseph@nhs.net](mailto:herlin.joseph@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Digitising care and operational services, including Electronic Patient Record Systems

Reference number

tender\_1550 - Health Systems Support Framework

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

THIS NOTICE (VEAT) IS TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK BY ONE FURTHER YEAR UNTIL 27TH JULY 2024 (This extension is only applicable for Lot 1 - Digitising care and operational services, including Electronic Patient Record Systems). The NHS England Health Systems Support Framework (HSSF) was created to support Population Health Management and the delivery of integrated care. HSSF currently have a framework agreement for EPR (Electronic Patient Records), which is due to expire on 28th July 2023. A number of NHS Trusts have already identified, or are in the process of identifying, HSSF EPR framework as a suitable procurement route for their organisational EPR requirements. To support the procurement of these NHS organisations, we want to extend the EPR framework until 27th July 2024.

#### **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: £1

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48180000 - Medical software package

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Infrastructure: encompassing EPR and place-based digitalization, local health and care record solutions (incl. strategy, implementation support and infrastructure). The scope of this Lot will include the provision of advice and support on the development and implementation of all aspects of digitizing care records including Electronic Patient Records and provision of clinical systems, hardware, and associated support services.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: As per tender / Weighting: 85

Cost criterion - Name: As per tender / Weighting: 15

### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

EPR Framework extension

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2017/S 207-427840](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 January 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

THE PHOENIX PARTNERSHIP (LEEDS) LTD

TPP House, 129 Low Lane, Horsforth, Leeds

Leeds

LS18 5PX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

04077829

Internet address

<http://www.tpp-uk.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £2 taken into consideration

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The NHS England Health Systems Support Framework (HSSF) was created to support Population Health Management and the delivery of integrated care. HSSF currently have a framework agreement for EPR (Electronic Patient Records), which is due to expire on 28th July 2023. A number of NHS Trusts have already identified, or are in the process of sighting, HSSF EPR framework as a suitable procurement route for their organisational EPR requirements. To support the procurement of these NHS organisations, we want to extend the EPR framework until 27th July 2024.

NHSE consider that the extension of the framework is not substantial within the meaning of Regulation 72(8) in that it does not render the framework materially different from the original framework because the call-offs during any extension will be limited to ones commenced under and within the scope of the original framework. NHSE also consider that the extension, had it been part of the original procurement process would not have attracted other market participants to seek a place on the framework or have allowed other providers to have been selected. In addition as the HSSF call-off contract provisions remain unchanged during the extension there is no modification in favour of any provider. No other changes of scope apply during the extension and no new providers are proposed to be admitted to the framework and therefore there has been no substantial alteration to the framework by virtue of the extension in duration proposed.

NHSE consider that extension of the framework is in the interest of both the active NHS Digitisation Programmes and the provider market generally as it ensures that there is wide availability of EPR providers to meet NHS provider Trust requirements. The extension of duration of the framework permits those provider Trusts considering this procurement route (which is one of only two procurement routes nationally endorsed under national NHSE guidance ( <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/procurement-framework-strategy-recommendations/> ) to undertake fair and transparent competitive procurement processes. The limited extension to this framework provides time for an alternative framework to be established, which will enable wider market access for NHS provider Trusts to the full range of EPR providers.

Therefore, following the 10-day standstill period, if the NHS England receives no substantiated objections, the NHS England aims to conclude the proposed framework contract extension with the following suppliers on or after 12:00 noon 16/01/2023. Key contact to detail any objection to this VEAT notice – Herlin Joseph via email [herlin.joseph@nhs.net](mailto:herlin.joseph@nhs.net)

Names of suppliers listed under HSSF EPR framework  
Allscripts Healthcare (IT) UK Limited

Cerner Limited  
Dedalus (formerly DXC)  
IMS Maxims  
Meditech UK  
Nervecentre Software Ltd  
System C Healthcare Ltd  
The Phoenix Partnership Ltd - TPP

Please ignore V.2.3 (as it is only showing one supplier) and the suppliers listed in the EPR framework is listed above. Also please ignore the nominal contract values mentioned in the VEAT notice as this notice is only for the extension of the framework agreement and we are not aware of the future framework call-off contract values at this stage.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS England

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Leeds

LS2 7UE

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