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Contract

Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-001023

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0393f6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

Contact

Sarah Beaumont

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.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

Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Reference number

ACE-0660-2022-HWE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this notice is to inform the market that a contract has been awarded for the delivery of Cataract Surgery to Community Health and Eye Care Limited (CHEC). This Contract Award Notice follows the publication of a Voluntary Ex-Ante Notice (VEAT) on 22nd December 2022 (reference number 2022/S 000-36463) informing the market of the intention of Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB to award the contract following successful completion of a voluntary standstill period prior to formal contract award.

There has been recent growth in the activity for cataract surgery which has mainly been attributed to long waiting lists at the Acute Trusts and patient choice to access services closer to where they reside. Patients are able to choose any provider listed on the NHS e-Referral Service.

Community Health and Eye Care Ltd is one of the independent sector providers listed on the NHS e-Referral Service currently offering cataract surgery. The activity with CHEC is currently undertaken as non-contract activity as the ICB does not have a formal contract in place with CHEC for cataract surgery.

Where there are established flows of patient activity with a material financial value, it is recommended that an NHS Standard Contract is in place to ensure high quality services are delivered to our patients.

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: £4,689,680

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Where there are established flows of patient activity with a material financial value, the legal right for patient choice applies to any provider listed on the National Directory of Services (eRS), and therefore, activity flows are expected to continue to CHEC. It is recommended that an NHS Standard Contract is in place to enable formal contractual arrangements to be established to provide appropriate assurance of service quality for commissioners and patients.

The contract will start on 9th January 2023 and will expire on 31st March 2024.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

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:

The activity flowing to Community Health and Eyecare Limited is being driven by patient choice, the legal right for patient choice applies for any provider listed on the National Directory of Services (eRS), therefore, in this context CHEC are considered a sole supplier.

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

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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

Title

Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Community Health and Eyecare Limited

1-6 Star Building, Caxton Road, Fulwood

Preston

PR21 9BS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Internet address

www.communityeyecare.uk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,689,680

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

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