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Award

Pathology provision to support an online sexually transmitted infections testing service

Solent NHS Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.solent.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

Pathology provision to support an online sexually transmitted infections testing service

Reference number

C234776

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The STI pathology provision is part of the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Level 3 Integrated Sexual Health service specification commissioned by the respective Local Authorities (Head commissioners).

The service provides the processing of diagnostic samples by laboratory. The online STI testing service is required to support the mandated open access sexual health services, which includes access to free STI testing and treatment and partner notification.

The online STI testing service supports patients that do not attend the commissioned Sexual Health service in person and low risk asymptomatic patients that attend clinics.

Services provided include:

- 1) An online risk assessment tool enabling clients to request screening for HIV, Syphilis, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea. Hepatitis B cAB and Hepatitis C antibodies for men who have sex with men.
- 2) Full STI testing for anyone over the age of 16. 15–24-year-old for Chlamydia only testing.
- 3) Provision and dispatch of postal STI kits.
- 4) Results processing via a results management system and patient text messaging service.

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: £1,361,418

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Solent NHS Trust are completing a Direct Award to The Doctor's Laboratory for the provision of an online sexually transmitted infections testing service for a period of 12 months.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Work is currently underway to bring together community and mental health services across Hampshire and Isle of Wight into a single NHS provider organisation from 01 April 2024.

When Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is created by certain statutory transactions taking effect on 01 April 2024 (subject to NHS England and Department of Health and Social Care approval), the relevant property and liabilities of the current authority (Solent NHS Trust) will transfer to the new organisation. Essentially, the only confirmed change to take effect from 01 April will be that the name of 'Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust' will appear where previously Solent NHS Trust would have been named'

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 current STI pathology contract and the overarching Level 3 Integrated Sexual Health contract are both due to expire on 31/03/2024.

Following a recent procurement process, Solent NHS Trust has been awarded a new commissioning contract to deliver the Level 3 Integrated Sexual Health services for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2031 with the option for a 2-year extension.

Recognising the need to mobilise the new Integrated Level 3 Sexual Health service, which requires significant transformation, Solent NHS Trust has considered the need to ensure clients have access to an online STI testing and kit ordering provision during the transition period. During 2024, Solent NHS Trust will be reviewing options for commissioning a long-term arrangement through a compliant process in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations and/or the new Provider Selection Regime.

It is therefore Solent NHS Trust's intention to award a 12-month contract to The Doctor's Laboratory. The contract value is based on cost and volume activity and is indicative.

All communications should be made via the email address provided.

If any provider has concerns with the commissioning intentions outlined within the published documentation, please raise this via the email address provided in the first instance within 10 days of the date of this Notice.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

1 January 2024

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 DOCTORS LABORATORY LIMITED

The Halo Building, 1 Mabledon Place, London

London

WC1H 9AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02201998

Internet address

<http://www.tdlpathology.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,361,418

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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

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