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Contract

## **Legal Advisory Services**

NHS Digital

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030ad9

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS Digital

7 & 8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

#### **Contact**

Patricia Nweke

#### **Email**

[patricia.nweke@nhs.net](mailto:patricia.nweke@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.digital.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**

Legal Advisory Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This requirement is for the provision of legal services associated with the engagement of external legal services to provide legal support for all programmes and internal matters such as employment law support, and employment tribunal support.

**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: £713,500

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

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

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

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

This requirement is for the provision of legal services associated with the engagement of external legal services to provide legal support for all programmes and internal matters such as employment law support, and employment tribunal support.

#### **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

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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:

CCS Framework RM3786 expressly allows NHSD to directly award legal services contracts to such of the panel firms which NHSD deem best capable to provide services. As such, we can implement this direct award through CCNs under existing contracts with WBD and in accordance with PCR Regulation 72.1(a). Extending the contracts under the existing CCS framework, has additional value for money benefits for the NHS as it allows NHSD to continue to call on WBD at lower rates since the rates on the new Legal Services Panel RM6179 have increased between 3-11%.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

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: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 December 2021

#### **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**

Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP

4 More London Riverside

Southwark

SE1 2AU

Telephone

+44 3454150000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £713,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £713,500

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

NHS Digital

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