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Contract

Intention to Award Outpatient Pharmacy Services - C326798

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Region code

UKD7 - Merseyside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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L8 7SS

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85149000 - Pharmacy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Outpatient Pharmacy Services to provide medicines and related services to patients who are not admitted to hospital but visit outpatient clinics.

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: £117,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Outpatient Pharmacy Services to provide medicines and related services to patients who are not admitted to hospital but visit outpatient clinics. The key objective is to deliver on-site pharmacy services at University Hospitals of Liverpool Group, primarily to serve patients who attend hospital outpatient clinics and require prescriptions or other pharmacy services. Outpatient Pharmacy Services as outlined above to be delivered by University Hospitals of Liverpool Group, via the Most Suitable Provider Process under the Provider Selection Regime.

Core functions to be provided:

1. Dispensing prescriptions
2. Medication advice
3. Specialist services
4. Over the counter sales

Key deliverable of outpatient pharmacy services

- Convenience
- Short waiting times
- Cost effectiveness
- Improve patient outcomes

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the PSR Most Suitable Provider process. The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £117,000,000.00.

This is an existing service that will be provided by a new provider (The Clatterbridge Pharmacy Limited) for 5 years from 03/02/2025, with an option to extend for a further 2 years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider process with regard to the key criteria. / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider process with regard to the key criteria. / Weighting: 0

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by Friday the 24th of January 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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: [2024/S 000-041041](#)

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

9 January 2025

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

The Clatterbridge Pharmacy Limited

Clatterbridge, Road Bebington, Wirral

Bebington

CH63 4JY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £117,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £117,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representations should be sent to the following address:

athanasios.boumpouris@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

This award has been approved by the Board of Directors.

A declaration of interest exercise was undertaken and no conflicts of interest were identified.

The relative importance of the key criteria used to make the decision to award the Outpatient Pharmacy Services was due to the financial impact of the service moving from one provider to another in terms of initial mobilisation and ongoing costs, the quality impact of the service and the time for mobilisation as this would impact on patients.

The Trust chose the criteria as Halo Healthcare Services (Lloyds) were handing back the contract with only 4 months' notice so there was an urgent requirement to find an alternative. Due to the financial position of the Trust, the value of the new contract was imperative and as the dispensing service is a patient focussed service, the quality impact of the service moving and the new contract was important. The rationale for choosing the new provider is based upon this criteria:

- a) Due to the nature of a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Clatterbridge Pharmacy Limited (CPL), Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY, have offered the new contract with improved Value for Money from the previous contract due to open book accounting and a reduction in the dispensing fee.
- b) Due to the urgency of the requirement the Trust were assured that CPL could mobilise in time for Lloyds handing back the contract, including taking over leases and TUPE implications.
- c) As quality of service is a key criterion of the contract the Trust were assured that there would be no dip in service during mobilisation and there are service improvements planned post contract mobilisation.
- d) The Trust were assured that patient care is at the forefront of the service provision proposed by CPL.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice for England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom