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Contract

School Aged Immunisation Services for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall, and Gloucestershire on behalf of NHS England - South West

NHS England

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/>

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

School Aged Immunisation Services for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), Somerset, Cornwall, and Gloucestershire on behalf of NHS England - South West

Reference number

C165527

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS School Aged Immunisation (SAI) programmes cover vaccinations to all children and young people of school age, whether they attend state school, independent school, complex needs schools or alternative settings. Children and young people that are educated at home can attend community clinics or their local school to receive the vaccines.

NHS England Public Health Commissioning Teams are responsible for the commissioning of local SAI services under the Section 7a mandate in line with the national programme requirements and a national service specification.

NHS England South West sought to re-commission the SAI Programme across the population of BSW, Somerset, Cornwall , and Gloucestershire.

Lot 1 - BSW

Lot 2 - Somerset

Lot 3 - Cornwall

Lot 4 - Gloucestershire

Adverts were placed on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender Service and an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, based on the Open procedure, was undertaken during summer / autumn 2023 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and therefore determine the incoming provider for each Lot.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £21,485,118

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England South West sought to re-commission the SAI Programme across the population of BSW (Lot 1).

Adverts were placed on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender Service and an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, based on the Open procedure, was undertaken during summer / autumn 2023 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and therefore determine the incoming provider.

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost- effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications, and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The services in scope are only those identified within SAI service specification for the eligible school-aged population in BSW.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service is to deliver safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery, with strong local leadership

focussed on maximising coverage and uptake.

- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required, to achieve maximum coverage.
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary.
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations.
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals, with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money.
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level.
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake.
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geographies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The Contract has been awarded to HCRG Care Services Limited for a term of 5 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

The 5 year estimated contract value is £5,130,578.85.

The Contracts are due to commence on 1st August 2024.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Somerset

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England South West sought to re-commission the SAI Programme across the population of Somerset (Lot 2).

Adverts were placed on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender Service and an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, based on the Open procedure, was undertaken during summer / autumn 2023 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and therefore determine the incoming provider.

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost- effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications, and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The services in scope are only those identified within SAI service specification for the eligible school-aged population in Somerset.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service is to deliver safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery, with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake.
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required, to achieve maximum coverage.
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary.
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations.
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals, with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money.
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level.
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake.
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geographies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The Contract has been awarded to Somerset NHS Foundation Trust for a term of 5 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

The 5 year estimated contract value is £2,845,435.00.

The Contracts are due to commence on 1st August 2024.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Cornwall

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England South West sought to re-commission the SAI Programme across the population of Cornwall (Lot 3).

Adverts were placed on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender Service and an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, based on the Open procedure, was undertaken during summer / autumn 2023 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and therefore determine the incoming provider.

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost- effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications, and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The services in scope are only those identified within SAI service specification for the eligible school-aged population in Cornwall.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service is to deliver safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery, with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake.
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required, to achieve maximum coverage.
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary.
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations.
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals, with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money.
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level.
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake.
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geographies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The Contract has been awarded to Kernow Health CIC for a term of 5 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

The 5 year estimated contract value is £2,796,725.00.

The Contracts are due to commence on 1st August 2024.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Gloucestershire

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England South West sought to re-commission the SAI Programme across the population of Gloucestershire (Lot 4).

Adverts were placed on Contracts Finder and the Find a Tender Service and an Invitation to Tender (ITT) process, based on the Open procedure, was undertaken during summer / autumn 2023 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and therefore determine the incoming provider.

Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost- effective health protection interventions. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications, and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health.

Vaccinations are provided, on behalf of the NHS, in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme which aims to prevent school aged children from developing vaccine preventable childhood diseases that are associated with significant mortality and morbidity.

The services in scope are only those identified within SAI service specification for the eligible school-aged population in Gloucestershire.

Aim and Objectives:

The aim of the service is to deliver safe and effective, evidence-based, population-wide immunisation programmes. The service offer will incorporate the following features:

- a planned and co-ordinated programme of timely delivery, with strong local leadership focussed on maximising coverage and uptake.
- identification of, and full offer to, the whole eligible population, with repeated offers until school leaving age as required, to achieve maximum coverage.
- delivery in a way which addresses local health inequalities, tailoring and targeting interventions when necessary.
- the service will be delivered in a culturally sensitive way to meet the needs of local diverse populations.
- safe and effective delivery by suitably trained, competent healthcare professionals, with effective use of skill mix to achieve efficiency and value for money.
- accurate and timely recording, collation and reporting of vaccinations both for individuals and at population level.
- a programme of promotion activities to encourage vaccine uptake. This will include collaborating with and supporting NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in any campaigns or activities they undertake.
- there is an expectation that the contract holder(s) for all lots will work with public health nursing and other children's services across the geographies to maximise collaboration and opportunities for an integrated service offer and delivery.

The Contract has been awarded to Gloucestershire Health and Care NHSFT for a term of 5 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

The 5 year estimated contract value is £3,752,218.75.

The Contracts are due to commence on 1st August 2024.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioner(s).

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-015119](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - BSW

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HCRG Care Services Limited

The Heath Business and Technical Park, Runcorn

Cheshire

WA7 4QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

7557877

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,130,578.85

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Somerset

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Management Office, Level 1 Yeovil District Hospital
Higher Kingston

Yeovil

BA21 4AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,845,435

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Lot 3 - Cornwall

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kernow Health CIC

1st Floor Cudmore House, Oak Lane

Truro

TR1 3LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Companies House

07551978

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,796,725

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Lot 4 - Gloucestershire

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHSFT

Trust HQ, Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer Avenue

Gloucester

GL34AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,752,218.75

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but are instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process has been conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority ran a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority has voluntarily observed the award decision notices provisions and held a 10 day standstill period as described in Regulation 87 of the Regulations.