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Contract

Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS) in West Essex

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-001900

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028ec2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margret's Hospital, The Plain

Epping

CM16 6TN

Email

sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH35 - West Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.westsexccq.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

Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS) in West Essex

Reference number

ACE-0425-2020-West

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Contract Award Notice follows a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice published on 18th January 2021 (reference 2021/S 000-001020) intended to provide notice of the contracting authority's intention to award a contract for Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS) to Primary Eyecare Services (PECS) as a part of the Essex Local Ophthalmic Services (LOC).

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: £746,460

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH35 - West Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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West Essex conducted a 12-month pilot of the service, delivered by PECS. PCS are the non-profit organisation of the Essex Local Ophthalmology Community (LOC) through which all optometrist providers within West Essex are associated. The evaluation of the pilot demonstrated significant benefits in using PECS to deliver the services contracting directly to the optometrists given their existing relationships which are crucial to delivering a community pathway successfully.

The service will be for West Essex only initially, however the option is retained for a portion of East and North Hertfordshire patients who use the local Acute Trust to use the service. Should this be agreed the contract will be varied to reflect this.

The contract is for a period of 3-years from 4th May 2021 to 3rd May 2024 with the option to extend for a further 2-years, subject to agreement.

The value stated in this Notice is for the initial 3-year period and is inclusive of costs for the East and North Hertfordshire patients. The 3-year value for West Essex only is £481,587.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension of the service to include patients from East & North Hertfordshire who use the local Acute Trust.

2-year contract extension from 4th May 2024 to 3rd May 2026.

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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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.2.9) 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2020

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

Primary Eyecare Services

Waulk Mill, 51 Bengal Street

Manchester

M4 6LN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £746,460

Section VI. Complementary information

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

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

West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Building 4 Spencer Close, St Margaret's Hospital, The Plain

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