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Contract

## **Prescribing Decision Support Tool Provision for NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-002079

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0399f5

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

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

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Unit 10 Phoenix Court, Christopher Martin Road

Basildon

SS14 3HG

#### **Contact**

Bilal Tabasum

#### **Email**

[bilal.tabasum@attain.co.uk](mailto:bilal.tabasum@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk](http://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Prescribing Decision Support Tool Provision for NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Reference number

ACE-0612-2022-MSE

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48180000 - Medical software package

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Prescribing Decision Support Tool enables prescribers (GPs, nurses and pharmacists) to understand the recommended local choices for prescribing. The implementation of this system creates significant savings through prescribers accepting the recommended switches and also educates prescribers to select those first choice products the next time these are prescribed. The tool also provides safety messages at the point of prescribing.

A contract to deliver the Prescribing Decision Support Tool across the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (MSE ICB) area has been awarded to Optum. This contract has been awarded via the SBS Framework for Medicines Management Prescribing Decision Support Systems 2 (Reference SBS/19/AB/WAS/9389).

This contract commences 1st September 2022 for a period of 24 months until the 31st August 2024, with the option to extend the contract for a further 12 months. The total aggregate contract value is £1,210,140.00 (inclusive of VAT). The total aggregate contract value is £1,008,450.00 (excluding VAT) and this figure has been reflected in the award notice published by the Authority in line with Find a Tender Service publishing guidance.

#### **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: £1,008,450

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

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

- 48814400 - Clinical information system

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex

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

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implementation of this system creates significant savings through prescribers accepting the recommended switches and also educates prescribers to select those first choice products the next time these are prescribed. The tool also provides safety messages at the point of prescribing.

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority reserves the option to further extend this contract for 12 months.

#### **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:

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board have undertaken a compliant procurement process as a call-off from the SBS Framework to identify, and appoint, the most appropriate supplier to deliver the services in line with the commissioners requirements.

#### **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

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

### **Title**

Prescribing Decision Support Tool Provision in Mid and South Essex ICB

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

31 August 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Optum Health Solutions (UK) Ltd

10th Floor, 5 Merchant Square, Paddington

London

W2 1AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Internet address

[www.optum.com](http://www.optum.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,008,450

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

SS14 3HG

Country

United Kingdom

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

NHS Mid and South Essex ICB

Unit 10 Phoenix Court, Christopher Martin Road

Basildon

SS14 3HG

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United Kingdom

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[www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk](http://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk)