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Contract

## **Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-002255

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04d584

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

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

NHS England

7&8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

#### **Contact**

Surinder Kahlon

#### **Email**

[surinder.kahlon@nhs.net](mailto:surinder.kahlon@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae

Reference number

C298357

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a Contract Award Notice to award contracts using the Most Suitable Provider Process to a providers for Auditory brainstem implant (ABI) for children with congenital abnormalities of the auditory nerves or cochleae.

The auditory brainstem implantation (ABI) service is for highly complex children (interested organisations should note the scope includes children under the age of 5) with profound deafness who have no functional hearing as a result of congenital abnormalities affecting the auditory nerve or the cochlea, meaning that they are unable to use conventional hearing aids or cochlear implants. These children require highly specialist service input to include multidisciplinary assessment, surgical implantation and rehabilitation (including maintenance of the implant). The provider must already have a contract with NHS England for specialist ear, nose and throat services for children.

#### **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: £5,201,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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

The auditory brainstem implantation (ABI) service is for highly complex children (interested organisations should note the scope includes children under the age of 5) with profound deafness who have no functional hearing as a result of congenital abnormalities affecting the auditory nerve or the cochlea, meaning that they are unable to use conventional hearing aids or cochlear implants. These children require highly specialist service input to include multidisciplinary assessment, surgical implantation and rehabilitation (including maintenance of the implant). The provider must already have a contract with NHS England for specialist ear, nose and throat services for children.

In addition to the core MDT (healthcare scientist (audiology), speech & language therapist, consultant ENT surgeons who specialise in both cochlear implantation and skull base surgery, consultant neurosurgeons who specialise in skull base surgery and administrator), the service must have additional named specialists with whom they work:

- Consultant neuroradiologist
- Paediatric clinical psychologist (with experience of working with hearing impaired children and/or complex needs)
- Consultant paediatric neuro-anaesthetist
- Rehabilitation therapist

- Teacher of the Deaf
- Paediatric ophthalmologist
- Paediatric cardiologist
- Paediatric neurologist

All team members should be suitably qualified and registered with accredited professional bodies and be highly experienced in their clinical specialty.

This is for an existing service with existing providers.

Contract are intended to be awarded to:  
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust  
Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

Contracts are scheduled to start on the 1 March 2025 to the 28 of October 2029 with the option to extend for a further 24 months.

Total combined value of the contracts will be £5,201,000 these will split under the following Contracts:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust: £2,450,000  
Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust: £2,751,000

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

Quality criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key Criteria /  
Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / 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

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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:

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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority via [surinder.kahlon@nhs.net](mailto:surinder.kahlon@nhs.net) by Wednesday 5 February 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

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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**

6 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 2

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

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

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

London

SE1 9RT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £5,201,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,751,000

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

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (1)

Manchester

M13 9WL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

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: £5,201,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,450,000



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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Each the of the key criteria were weighted equally

Contract are intended to be awarded to:  
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust  
Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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