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Contract

## **Bridging Access Service for Islington**

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04d767

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

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

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

Laycock St

LONDON

N1 1TH

#### **Email**

[hub.queries@nhs.net](mailto:hub.queries@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QMJ

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/about/>

**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**

Bridging Access Service for Islington

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

A Bridging Access Service (previously known as the Extended Access Service ) is required for Islington. This is a general practice service which contributes to ensuring general practice provision is in place from 8am to 8pm seven days a week by bridging the gap not met by either core general practice services or by the national Primary Care Network enhanced access coverage.

**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: £1,586,200

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

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

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board intends to award to The Islington GP Group Limited, the existing provider, the contract for the Bridging Access Service for Islington.

The service provider will be expected to maintain current contracted appointment delivery of 15,608 appointments per annum.

The service will operate under an NHS Shorter-Form standard contract. This is an existing service. • The current provider of the Service is meeting the contractual requirements to a satisfactory level, following PSR Direct Award Process C as there is minimal change to the contract terms.

The service will commence on 1st October 2025 for a duration of two years to the 30 September 2027.

The contract value is £793,100.00 per annum (lifetime value £1,586,200).

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: 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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 11th 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**

27 January 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

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

Islington GP Group Limited

Unit 16-18 The Studios, Hornsey Street

London

N7 8EG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,586,200

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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Written representations should be sent to: [hub.psrrepresentation@nhs.net](mailto:hub.psrrepresentation@nhs.net)

The Recommendation was made by the Bridging Access Service Panel on 27th November 2024 consisting of the Assistant Director of Primary Care, two Heads of Primary Care and Deputy Director of Quality & Clinical Standards.

The recommendation was ratified by the Primary Care Committee decision on 27 January 2025.

A potential or perceived conflict of interest was declared by the Clinical Director for Primary Care and this was mitigated by this role not participating in the Direct Award Process for Islington.

The provider was assessed against the 5 key criteria. Social value was given a weighting of 10% in line with the recommended minimum weighting, with Quality and Innovation weighted at 30% given the importance of the service delivering dynamic and equitable access together with service innovation while maintaining safety of care and seamless patient journey. All other criteria received equal weighting.

The Islington GP Group Limited demonstrated assurance against the current performance against contract together with the key criteria together with assurance against their ability to deliver the future contract and meet the 5 key criteria.

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

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

NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

Laycock St

London

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Country

United Kingdom