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Contract

GP direct access non-obstetric ultrasound service (NOUS)

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042a16

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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Contact

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.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

GP direct access non-obstetric ultrasound service (NOUS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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On 29th December 2023, the Authority published a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice (VEAT) (Reference 2023/S 000-038011) to inform the market of its intention to award the contract. The Authority applied a voluntary 10-day standstill period prior to conclusion of the contract. The contract award is made to Physiological Measurements Limited (PML) for the provision of GP direct access non-obstetric ultrasound services (NOUS).

The proposed new contract is intended to start on 1st April 2024 and end on 31st March 2025. The expected value of this contract is £1,800,000. The value expressed in this notice is the expected value of the 1-year period.

Please note that these are expected values and may be amended post contract finalisation with the provider.

Physiological Measurements Limited (PML) has been providing this service since 1st April 2019 and is due to expire on 31st March 2024. The total cumulative value of the contract since it started from 2019 – 2024 is £7,857,753, forecast to 31st March 2024. (excluding VAT and excluding the value of this new contract).

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: £1,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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The Five Year Forward View set out an ambition to deliver more healthcare out of acute

hospitals and closer to home, with the aim of providing better care for patients, reducing the number of unplanned bed days in hospital, and reducing net costs. To achieve this objective, the organisation previously known as NHS Herts Valleys CCG (HVCCG) commissioned a range of community services from the independent sector and NHS providers.

In January 2019 Physiological Measurements Limited (PML) was awarded a 3-year contract (with the option to extend for another 2 years) to provide the GP direct access non-obstetric ultrasound service (NOUS) following an open market procurement process across south and west Hertfordshire.

The service went live on 1st April 2019 being delivered across south and west Hertfordshire with one clinic location in each locality.

This service provides community access to clinic locations in each locality across south and west Hertfordshire, mainly delivered in local GP practices. Referrals are managed by way of inclusion and exclusion criteria.

The current contract for this service is currently due to end on 31 March 2024.

Following an options appraisal carried out by the ICB, the ICB Board concluded that the current PML NOUS service contract would expire on 31 March 2024 and that NOUS activity would be repatriated to local Trusts as part of the future expansion of Community Diagnostic Centre (CDCs). However, an additional capital cost of over £1m has been identified for the transfer of ultrasound activity to local Trusts from April 2024 onwards that has not been accounted for and therefore this option is not viable at the present time. The 12-month extension will allow time to manage NOUS activity in the medium term until Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) are fully operational in HWE.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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:

The NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (HWE ICB) was incorporated on 1st July 2022 and includes the three previous clinical commissioning groups. Since the HWE ICB was incorporated, we have been working to review services across each 'place' to ensure that there is equity of access for our patients across the broader ICB area.

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

GP direct access non-obstetric ultrasound service (NOUS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 December 2023

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

Physiological Measurements Limited (PML)

The Old Malt House, Willow Street

Oswestry, Shropshire

SY11 1AJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,800,000

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

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB

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