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Contract

Community Infection Prevention and Control (CIPC) Service

Bolton Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04debc

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.bolton.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Infection Prevention and Control (CIPC) Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85141220 - Advisory services provided by nurses

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The CIPC service plays a vital role in preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases in community settings, particularly among vulnerable groups such as those in care homes and educational institutions.

The service provides advice, training, and outbreak response, working closely with partners like the UK Health Security Agency and Greater Manchester Integrated Care.

The service is required to maintain high standards of infection prevention and control to safeguard public health and ensure the continuity of essential services.

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: £1,088,440

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CIPC service will provide specialist advice and support to a range of settings, including social care, nursing and residential care homes, schools, and nurseries. The service will also be responsible for outbreak management, conducting audits, and providing training to health and social care staff. Regular reporting and data exchange with the local authority and other key partners are essential components of the service.

The CIPC service will also engage in strategic planning and collaboration with local and regional health protection partners to enhance infection prevention and control efforts.

Key Service Deliverables:

Preventative Deliverables:

Training and Education: Providing targeted support, training, and advice to prevent infectious diseases in various settings, including social care, nursing and residential care homes, intermediate care facilities, and schools/nurseries.

Antibiotic Resistance: Collaborating with system partners to reduce the burden of antibiotic resistance within the local health and social care economy.

Risk Education: Facilitating education on risks associated with health and social care service delivery through training, audits, and implementation of learning from incident investigations.

Reactive Deliverables:

Outbreak Management: Providing specialist advice and support during infectious disease outbreaks in the community.

Flexible Response: Offering evidence-based responses to new and emerging infections and providing surge response for community-based outbreaks and incidents.

Liaison: Working with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and local authorities to manage outbreaks as part of an integrated outbreak management response.

Reporting and Data Exchange

Daily Situational Reports: Providing daily updates to the Authority and key partners.

Quarterly Activity Reports: Including summaries of training delivered, outbreak management, inbound calls managed, audits conducted, and incident investigations.

Financial Monitoring: Providing quarterly financial monitoring reports to the Authority.

Strategic Role

Outbreak Response: Coordinating local responses to borough-wide outbreaks in partnership with UKHSA and Bolton Public Health team.

Policy Development: Supporting and advising on the development and updating of infection control policies, protocols, and procedures.

Training: Developing and providing infection prevention and control (IPC) training to health and social care staff, especially those in nursing, residential, and domiciliary care settings.

It is the intention to award this contract using the direct award process C.

The lifetime value of this contract is £1,088,440 over a period of 3 years between 01/04/2025 and 31/03/2030

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

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 the relevant authority by 25.02.25. 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: No

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 January 2025

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

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust Ltd

Minerva Rd, Farnworth

Bolton

BL4 0JR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £1,088,440

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,088,440

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representations should be sent to phcontracts@bolton.gov.uk

Declarations of Conflict Forms were completed by all individuals involved in the decisions about the provider selection. No conflicts of interest were declared.

The award decision makers are members of the Public Health Commissioning team.

The submission was assessed and the provider selected against the following key criteria :

- Quality and innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice
- Social value

Bolton Foundation Trust as the incumbent provider, has satisfied the requirements of the current contract and will satisfy the new contract arrangements going forward. The team at Bolton FT are performing well, meeting the KPI's and are fully engaged with Bolton Public Health team. Regular performance management meetings with Bolton Public Health are positive and relationships are strong between senior leaders. In the Public Health Commissioning 360 review document, Bolton FT are RAG Rated Green and there are no historical or current concerns regarding performance. Bolton FT reach into the heart of Bolton's communities and have existing, established relationships with a range of care homes and children's settings. Bolton FT are based within the NHS sector and have access to systems and processes to allow them to respond quickly and mobilise into a range of settings at very short notice. Following a desktop review it has been identified

that there is no other local provider who can provide the service within Bolton, who have cross-sector reach and who could take on this contract within the timescales identified. In addition, utilising PSR Direct Award C, it is the intention of the authority to enter into contract negotiations with the existing provider with no material differences in contract value or significant change to the service.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Bolton Council

Bolton

Country

United Kingdom