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Contract

Optometric Enhanced Services

Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Optometric Enhanced Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The contracts currently awarded to optometric providers for provision of three commissioned enhanced services, expire on 31 March 2021. The Commissioner intends to directly award contracts to the 30 existing providers across Somerset, to continue the delivery of these services for a period of 36 months to 31st March 2024.

In support of the CCG's Recovery Plan, a Health and Care Strategy, 'Fit For My Future', has been developed will determine the services required in the future. The strategy is focused on putting national policy into practice and will inform the delivery models of the future to ensuring local services are financially stable, are of high quality and improve the health and wellbeing of the population.

The indicative Annual Contract value which is split across 30 separate Optometry Providers (36 practice sites) within the boundaries of Somerset is circa £500,000 per annum.

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: £1,625,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85160000 - Optician services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contracts currently awarded to 30 optometric providers across Somerset provide the following Optometric Enhanced Services:

- Acute Community Eye Care
- Intra-Ocular Pressure Referral Refinement Service
- Ocular Hypertension Monitoring Service

These services are aimed at increasing access to acute eye care in the community and reducing unnecessary referrals to hospital eye care. Part of the service is aimed at the prompt diagnosis of high intra-ocular pressure in at risk patients.

The contracts with these providers are due to expire on 31st March 2021 and the commissioner intends to directly award contracts to 30 existing providers across Somerset from 1st April 2021, to continue the delivery of these Services for a period of 36 months to 31st March 2024.

The decision to award the three year contract supports alignment with the developing Fit For My Future strategy and public consultation, which will determine the services required in the future and the new contracting model supporting organised primary care. The CCG has already undertaken a review of all the enhanced services, and would not want to destabilise delivery of the services through undertaking procurement.

All optometric practices provide a good quality service that meets the needs and expectation of the commissioner and patients. The commissioner has no concerns regarding the proposed providers' ability to deliver the service through to 31st March 2024. As a result of all the material factors noted above, the negotiated procedure without prior publication has been followed and justified under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) 'competition

is absent for technical reasons'.

The indicative Annual Contract value which is split across 36 separate optometry practices within the boundaries of Somerset is circa £500,000 per annum.

If you wish to see the breakdown by practice please follow the link within the contracts finder notice.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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 Optometric Practice contracts for the three Local Enhanced Services expire on 31 March 2021 and the Commissioners intend to directly award the contracts to existing Optometric providers across Somerset from 1st April 2021 to continue the delivery of these Enhanced Services for a period of 36 months to 31st March 2024. Optometric Practices are able to provide all or some of these services. The services are:

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- Acute Community Eye Care
- Intra-Ocular Pressure Referral Refinement Service
- Ocular Hypertension Monitoring Service

The decision to award the three year contract is to ensure alignment with the developing Health and Care Strategy, which will determine the services required in the future and the new contracting model of primary care at scale. The CCG has already undertaken a review of all the enhanced services, and would not want to destabilise delivery of the services through undertaking procurement.

The indicative annual contract value which is split across 30 separate Optometric providers within the boundaries of Somerset has a budget of circa £500,000 per annum.

All Optometric Practices provide a good quality service that meets the needs and expectation of the Commissioner and Patients. The Commissioner has no concerns regarding the proposed provider's ability to deliver the service through to 31st March 2024. As a result of all of the material factors noted above, the Negotiated procedure without prior publication has been followed and justified under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) 'competition is absent for technical reasons'.

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

Contract No

SCCG - OPTOMETRIC LES

Title

Optometric Enhanced Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 March 2021

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

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- UKK23 - Somerset

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<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/ProjectManage/1326>

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: £1,625,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,625,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process has been conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Regulations 74 to 76 of the Regulations. The Authority ran a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority has voluntarily observed the award decision notices provisions and held a 10 day standstill period as described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the Regulations.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As described in VI.3, deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the 2015 Regulations.