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Contract

Termination of Pregnancy Services

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e215

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF - East Midlands (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Termination of Pregnancy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Termination of Pregnancy Service is a compassionate and confidential healthcare service designed to support individuals facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies.

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: £2,816,891

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121210 - Gyneacologic or obstetric services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF21 - Leicester
- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Termination of Pregnancy Service is a compassionate and confidential healthcare service designed to support individuals facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies. The

services encompass a range of options, including counselling on reproductive choices, medical assessments, and access to safe and legal termination procedures. The service prioritises the well-being and autonomy of service users, offering a supportive and understanding environment throughout the decision-making process and striving to empower individuals to make informed choices about their reproductive health, promoting dignity and confidentiality.

The ICB is intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C, where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably, and the test for considerable change is not met.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £2,816,491.

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided are: 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026.

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 the 26th 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: 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

28 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

BPAS - British Pregnancy Advisory Service

Leamington Spa

CV34 6RQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,816,891

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Email address where written representations should be sent: llricb-llr.contracting@nhs.net

Details of the award decision-makers: NHS LLR ICB Strategic Commissioning Group on 28th of January 2025

Any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed:

- None were declared.

The Contracting Authority has assessed the provider's suitability and technical / professional ability to undertake this service based on their current activities and performance. The provider's economic and financial standing has been considered in proportion to the contract value and terms.

Relative importance and rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

1. Quality and innovation

BPAS are achieving all of the current contract KPI requirements and service users report excellent satisfaction rates. Quality and safeguarding compliance are assured via current contract management processes. The provider promotes innovation, for instance in their telephony and web user interfaces, to improve data capture, quality of service and support business continuity.

2. Value

The service has been evaluated as offering good value in terms of costs, and overall benefits to service users.

3. Integration, collaboration and service sustainability

BPAS actively participates in the ICB hosted Women's System Partnership, which is a strategic forum designed to bring together women's health leads and partners across LLR to improve health outcomes and access, as well as reducing health inequalities.

4. Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice

- BPAS has worked pro-actively with the ICB, making use of a variety of local media, to ensure that women are aware of how termination of pregnancies funded by the NHS can be accessed.
- BPAS also provides choice by offering the use of any location within the country which enables service users additional confidentiality.

5. Social value

In addition to abortion advice and treatment BPAS provide pregnancy testing, counselling, Sexually Transmitted Infection screening and contraception through the network of reproductive healthcare centres.

BPAS also provide specialist contact centre services to the NHS such as Central Booking Services to speed up access to abortion treatment across a range of NHS and agency providers.

All income generated from the services provided by BPAS is invested in UK services and advocacy work.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom