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Contract

JRCALC Plus Clinical Practice Guideline

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service H S C Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

JRCALC Plus Clinical Practice Guideline

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Class Publishing also have the exclusive rights to publish the mobile application version of the Clinical Practice Guidelines -iCPG. Class Publishing has developed a mobile application which can incorporate the NIAS Clinical Aide Memoir and provides referral details of Patient Care Pathways.

These pathways are part of NIAS's modernisation programme to refer suitable patients to community based services instead of transporting to Emergency Departments.

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: £59,220

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIAS is totally dependent on Class Publishing as they have the exclusive rights to publish the mobile application version of the Clinical Practice Guidelines -iCPG.

NIAS's modernisation programme to refer suitable patients to community based services instead of transporting to Emergency Departments. This project aims to facilitate the transition from paper-based books to utilising mobile technology. The use of app is now available on the various platforms to support staff with clinical information; desktop PC via sharepoint, personal mobile device and the REACH tablet.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

These underpinning clinical guidelines for all UK Ambulance staff are outlined in the UK Ambulance Services Clinical Practice Guidelines. These guidelines are an essential resource for ambulance clinicians and provide the clinical operating guidelines for all Ambulance Staff. The guidelines are agreed by the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee and the National Ambulance Service Medical Directors and comprises of 133

guidelines. These guidelines are updated regularly which means that the book version is

often out of date. Accessing the App will ensure NIAS staff are up to date with evidenced based best practice.

This app will provide accurate up to date information on the PCPs to assist crews in using appropriate referrals for suitable patients without the need to transport to ED. In addition, there is

evidence to suggest the crews are taking patient to ED when they could / should have been sent to a specialist team or service that may prevent unnecessary hospital admission, provide a better

outcome for patients and save money to wider HSC through appropriate use of health services. Clinicians have a professional duty of care to the patient regardless of clinical presentation. This

includes the duty to appropriately refer patients to other health services for further advice, care or services, when the delivery of care is beyond their own scope of practice.

This scope of practice aligns the clinician's clinical education, position within the organisation and operational guidelines and procedures. Class Publishing have exclusive rights.

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

1 November 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

Class Publishing

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £59,220

Total value of the contract/lot: £59,220

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

No review body

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

