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## **National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network Co-ordinating Centre (CRNCC) - IT Services**

The University Of Leeds

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

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**Companies House**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network Co-ordinating Centre (CRNCC) - IT Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75120000 - Administrative services of agencies

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

University of Leeds was awarded a contract by the Department of Health to host the NIHR CRNCC in 2015 which included a contract for IT Services via a third party. The Department of Health and Social Care recently re-let the NIHR CRNCC contract to University of Leeds.

As it was not possible to allow for an extension of the IT Services contract as part of the original Department of Health contract nor was it possible to run a new tender for IT Services prior to the award of the second Department of Health and Social Care tender, we are extending the original contract with PA Consulting Services Ltd.

The IT Services provided are heavily entwined into the service provided by NIHR CRNCC and will require careful consideration as to the best option for renewing these services. The extension period will provide the appropriate time to make these considerations, run a suitable procurement process and allow for a smooth transition to a new provider if relevant.

It is expected that this process will take between 12 and 24 months with an estimated annual cost of £2M.

#### **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: £4,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

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#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 February 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

PA Consulting Services Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

00414220

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

University of Leeds

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

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