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Contract

## **Care Home Enhanced Rapid Response Service (CHERRS)**

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e7ce

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

Pemberton House

Sunderland

SR4 6SJ

#### **Email**

[necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QHM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Care Home Enhanced Rapid Response Service (CHERRS)

Reference number

NECS532

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The service will provide timely reactive care, anticipating disease exacerbation and manage acute illness based on the providers in depth understanding of long-term conditions as part of a person-centered approach. The provider will ensure the service provides high levels of communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills that will ensure risk can be managed appropriately. The provider will ensure that staff take responsibility for their own decisions, through advanced clinical skills including non-medical prescribing and physical assessment to support effective clinical decision making in relation to the wellbeing of care home residents.

#### **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: £812,364

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

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The relevant authority intends to award a contract to an existing provider under Direct Award C under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) regulations 2023.

The final contract value is still to be finalised as it is dependent on the national NHS planning guidance which is still to be released. As an indication the 2023/24 contract value is £406,182.

Contract Start Date: 01 April 2025

Contract End Date: 31 March 2027

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

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## 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 decision makers by midnight on 10/03/2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR. A contract will not be awarded until after the 9th working day following standstill.

#### 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

### Contract No

NECS532

### Title

Care Home Enhanced Rapid Response Service (CHERRS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

25 February 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**

ELM Alliance Limited

B3 Kingfisher House Kingsway

Gateshead

NE11 0JQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

1096823

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: £812,364

Total value of the contract/lot: £812,364

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Written representation should be sent to:

[Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net)

Details of the group making the award decision:

South Tees Place Subcommittee at NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

The existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract. The provider has been assessed and passed against the relevant 5 key criteria and mandatory requirements.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

Pemberton House

Sunderland

SR4 6SJ

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United Kingdom