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Contract

## **Supportive Medicines - Alfentanil 25mg/50ml vial - Direct Award**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

Nobel House, 17 Smith Square

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#### **Contact**

Simeon Hadebe

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supportive Medicines - Alfentanil 25mg/50ml vial - Direct Award

Reference number

CM / EMI / 21/ C59263

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

For the supply of Alfentanil 25mg/50ml solution for injection (ITU) in preparation for further waves of Covid 19 in Spring 2022.

#### **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

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Department of Health and Social Care managed the procurement on behalf of the UK Health Security Agency for the supply of Alfentanil 25mg/50ml solution for injection (ITU) in preparation for further waves of Covid 19 in Spring 2022. The contract was awarded on the behalf of UK Health Security Agency.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Availability / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The supportive medicines stockpile was designed as a 'one off' build to target volumes of a defined range of critical products. However, ongoing concerns regarding the disease and additional waves have caused the Department to prepare for further waves of COVID-19 in Winter 2021/Spring 2022.

The recent developments around the Omicron variant have prompted activation for additional volumes identified through the modelling as necessary to avoid complete stockout of some products through Winter 2021/Spring 2022.

One of those critical products is Alfentanil which has seen markedly increased usage during the pandemic and the need to secure stock has become paramount. There is only one supplier in the market able to produce this strength of Alfentanil. Accordingly, the Contracting Authority used the negotiated procedure without prior publication route to make a Direct Award on the basis of Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) – Competition is absent for technical reasons – permitted under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) to conduct this procurement.

#### 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

21 February 2022

### **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**

Hameln pharma ltd

Unit C, Nexus, Gloucester Business Park, Gloucester, Gloucestershire

Gloucester

GL3 4AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01034697

Internet address

<http://www.hameln.co.uk>

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: £1

Total value of the contract/lot: £1

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Information on contract value is being withheld due to commercial sensitivity under Regulation 50(6)(b) and (c) as the publication of the price may enable competitors to calculate cost per vial. This will (i) commercially prejudice the contracting authority in its commercial dealings with other suppliers; and (ii) impact fair competition between suppliers.

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

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

The High Court

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London

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