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Contract

Additional Primary Care Capacity - Out of hours Base Visits

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-008104

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e9e6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/>

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

Additional Primary Care Capacity - Out of hours Base Visits

Reference number

C231748

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Delivery of additional primary care capacity to support UTC delivery at sites including Princess Royal Hospital and Crawley Hospital.

Delivery of a proportion of UTC provision at Worthing General Hospital and St Richards Hospital

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 or the Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period.

Representations by providers must be submitted to the relevant authority via email to robert.kitt1@nhs.net (Reference no. C231748) by midnight (23:59) on 17/03/25. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

This direct award is for a maximum period of 24 months, from 1/4/25 to 31/3/27.

The service value is £1,507,437 per annum.

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: £3,014,874

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: N/A / Weighting: 0

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 procurement falls under the Provider Selection Regime 2023 (Direct Award Process C).

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

Contract No

C231748

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 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

Alliance for Better Care Limited

120 Victoria Road

Horley

RH6 7BL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Companies House

09329846

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,014,874

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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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 or Procurement Regulations 2024 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill

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Decision maker: Deputy Chief Delivery and Strategy Officer, and Director of Strategic Commissioning, NHS Sussex ICB.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The service evaluation was reviewed against the 5 key criteria:

- Quality & Innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration & service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

These were then weighted as follows:

Quality and innovation (30%),

Value (10%),

Integration, collaboration and service sustainability (30%), Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice (20%);

Social Value (10%).

In determining the weightings for each of the criteria, our primary focus was on ensuring that the evaluation process reflects the key priorities and objectives of the service.

Quality & Innovation: Quality and innovation are fundamental

to ensuring a high standard of care and continuous improvement within the service. This weighting reflects the importance of maintaining clinical excellence and fostering innovative

approaches to improve patient outcomes and experience. It aligns with the need for the service to adapt to changing healthcare demands and deliver value-added improvements.

Value: While value is critical in ensuring the service is cost-effective and delivers outcomes within budget, it is less heavily

weighted because other criteria, such as quality, integration, and access, play a more direct role in delivering patient-centred

care. This weighting reflects the need to achieve financial sustainability while prioritising other key aspects of

the service.

Integration, Collaboration, and Service Sustainability: Integration is essential for creating seamless care pathways and ensuring

collaborative working across services. This criterion is heavily weighted because the service must work effectively within the broader health and care system to ensure sustainability

and optimal service delivery. Effective integration also supports enhanced patient records and system-wide collaboration, which are vital for long-term success.

Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice: This criterion acknowledges the importance of equitable access to services and the need to address health inequalities. A higher weighting reflects the service's role in reaching underserved populations, promoting inclusivity, and ensuring that patients have meaningful choices about their care. Improving access also directly supports the delivery of integrated and

patient-focused care.

Social Value: Social value is important for ensuring that the service positively impacts the community and contributes to broader societal goals. While this is a key consideration, it is assigned a minimum weighting because other criteria, such as

quality, access, and integration, have a more direct impact on patient outcomes.

The existing provider was assessed against key criteria which were weighted according to importance in terms of service delivery and

scored satisfactorily against the assessed criteria.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

Sackville House, Brooks Close

Lewes

BN7 2FZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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