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Contract

## **Procurement for the provision of a Framework Agreement for Digital Flexible Pools for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care to NHS England**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-008909

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0347cc

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

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

NHS England

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Contact**

Caitlin Dyke

#### **Email**

[caitlin.dyke@nhs.net](mailto:caitlin.dyke@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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**

Procurement for the provision of a Framework Agreement for Digital Flexible Pools for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care to NHS England

Reference number

CD00012

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72222300 - Information technology services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

NHS England is conducting a framework procurement to implement Digital Flexible Pools for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care.

Suppliers are invited to offer a digital solution, deployable in local areas of the country, which enable practices to post available sessions, with individuals easily indicating their availability and selecting sessions that suit them.

The procurement will be awarded as a framework for the use of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and other relevant Authorities as defined within the tender documentation, and it is anticipated that a maximum of 8 suppliers will be awarded contracts. The framework will be for an initial duration of 24 months, with a possible extension of a further 24 months.

## **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: £20,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79624000 - Supply services of nursing personnel
- 79624000 - Supply services of nursing personnel
- 79625000 - Supply services of medical personnel
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NHS England is conducting a framework procurement to implement Digital Flexible Pools for the deployment of sessional clinical capacity in primary care. This supports the delivery of Primary Care Flexible Staff Pools and will provide increased support to local systems in deploying their workforce.

Suppliers are invited to offer a digital solution, deployable in local areas of the country, which enables practices to post available sessions, with individuals easily indicating their availability and selecting sessions that suit them. The digital solution must be able to make or facilitate payments to the sessional clinicians and process payment information to a GP Practice. The digital solution must be able to meet the requirements as outlined in the service specification.

Primarily Digital Flexible Pools will focus on the deployment of GPs, but will also be required to support the deployment of other sessional clinical and sessional non-clinical primary care roles as required locally.

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The procurement is being carried out by NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of NHS England.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-016679](#)

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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**

1 October 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 13

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

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

ID Medical Group Limited

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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

Midlands and Lancashire CSU

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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

Patchwork Health

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

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Practeus Ltd (trading as National Association of Sessional GPs)

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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Pairoo Limited

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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

Lantum

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

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

One Wirral CIC

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

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

My Locum Manager

England

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This Framework Agreement is for the use of NHS England, Integrated Commissioning Boards, Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS Trusts, NHS Special Health Authorities and all other NHS organisations as found at the following address and updated from time to time.

<https://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/NHSTrustListing.aspx>

Interested suppliers will be able to view this notice via the 'current tenders' list on the e-procurement system Atamis, available on the following link:

In order to submit a bid, you will need to be registered on the e-procurement system and 'express an interest', and then complete a response as specified within the procurement documents.

On registration, please include at least two contacts to allow for access to the system in times of absence.

The services are deemed to be subject to the full regime of current procurement legislation and as such this tender will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This contract will therefore be awarded in accordance with the provisions applicable in Section 5 (sub-section 7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>