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Contract

Community-based elective care services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-009570

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04eda2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKF - East Midlands (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

QK1

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Community-based elective care services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Reference number

2024/25/QK1/LLRICB

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The service includes a range of integrated referral management, diagnostic and elective care and treatment services within community settings across a broad range of specialties. It includes a strong emphasis on local collaborations and integrated care pathways, with a focus on patient satisfaction, clinical governance and meeting local health care needs. There is a strong commitment to improve healthcare for all the people of LLR, with services being delivered as close to home as possible.

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: £16,600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF21 - Leicester
- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The ICB is intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C, where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably, and the test for considerable change is not met.

The approximate indicative lifetime value of the contract is £16.6m (for the 6 months contract plus the 6 months extension).

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided are: 01/04/2025 to 30/09/2025, with an option to extend by another 6 months until the 31st of March 2026.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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: Yes

Description of options

The contract can be extended by up to 6 months.

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, which begins the day after this notice is published.

Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight of the 28th March 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

2024/25/QK1/LLRICB

Title

Community-based elective care services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 March 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

LLR Patient Care Locally (CIC)

Offices 2 & 3 Coalville Business Centre, Goliath Way

Coalville

LE67 3FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Companies House

07789175

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Email address where written representations should be sent: llricb-llr.contracting@nhs.net

Details of the award decision-makers: NHS LLR ICB System Executive Committee, Strategic Commissioning Group on 14th of March 2025.

The non-conflicted LLR ICB of System Exec Committee members have assessed the nature and the risk of this conflict and have decided to exclude any conflicted members from related discussions and decision-making.

The Contracting Authority has assessed the provider's suitability and technical / professional ability to undertake this service based on their current activities and performance. The provider's economic and financial standing has been considered in proportion to the contract value and terms.

Relative importance and rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

1. Quality and innovation

The provider is achieving their current contract KPIs - where the patients with diagnostics are long waiting patients they are transferred to the provider to support the backlog at other providers, the provider is increasing capacity to ensure the system can support patients treated within 6 weeks.

Quality and safeguarding compliance are assured via current contract management processes.

2. Value

The provider offers some elective services at less than tariff , which has been evaluated as offering good value in terms of costs, and overall benefits to service users.

3. Integration, collaboration and service sustainability

The provider works closely with General Practice, PCNs and Federations to provide a mechanism for a greater unified voice for General Practice. The provider has a strong emphasis on local collaborations and integrated care pathways, with a focus on patient satisfaction, local integrated clinical governance and meeting local health care needs.

4. Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice

The provider manages the Referral Support Service. A wide range of specialties are triaged by clinicians via the e-RS referral portal and are clinically triaged to the most appropriate setting e.g., Secondary Care or a Community Service. Patients are offered the choice of appointment within LLR, which can be local to them, at a location with shorter waiting times or at a more convenient place for the patient. By offering choice of appointments in a community setting to patients, improves health inequalities and delivers the same improvements and access to care for all. Patients also have the option of choosing to be seen in an acute setting if that is what they prefer.

5. Social value

The provider was created by LLR GPs in 2011. In 2021 it became a Community Interest Company.

As a Community Interest Company, PCL reinvests back into the local healthcare community across LLR. This includes establishing an Equipment rental fund and supporting transformation and inequalities work such as supporting the agenda for the development of health and wellbeing hubs across LLR.

By providing healthcare in the community setting, this is reducing carbon emissions by providing the service close and patients requiring to travel less.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom