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Contract

Sunderland GP Alliance Ambulatory ECG Service

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-009770

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044cd3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Stella House, Goldcrest Way

Newcastle Upon Tyne

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Email

necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sunderland GP Alliance Ambulatory ECG Service

Reference number

QHM-2024-5492

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 NHS Long Term Plan¹ was published in January 2019 and set the plan for the NHS for the next 10 years. Cardiovascular disease was identified as a national clinical priority

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common sustained cardiac arrhythmia, with an estimated overall population prevalence in England of 2.5%. It is estimated that in 2016, around 1.4 million people in England were living with AF. Of these 425,000 were estimated to be

undiagnosed and untreated.

A community-based Ambulatory ECG service facilitates early detection and the accurate diagnosis of conditions such as AF, enabling clinicians to provide patients with a diagnosis and treatment in a timely manner. It reduces the risk of harm to those patients who may otherwise experience long waiting times to access the service via secondary care and whose diagnosis and treatment may be delayed as a result of this. The prompt management of such conditions benefits the health system as a whole. Patients presenting with palpitations are often very anxious about their symptoms. They have been advised, in the past, to attend ED when they have symptoms, as capturing their symptomatic episodes can result in diagnosis. With a prompt community-based service offering up to 7 day recordings, depending upon frequency of symptoms, the diagnostic yield of the test is optimized. The service contributes to a reduction in ED attendances when patients are awaiting a diagnosis and in the number of referrals to secondary care for diagnostic testing

Ambulatory ECG recordings carried out within the service, which allows them to interrogate reports that Primary Care physicians have concerns about, or are reported as 'Amber'. The utilisation of Advice and Guidance responses to reports can also act as a filter to ensure those that need outpatient care can receive it in the most efficient manner.

The service reduces demand on secondary care at a time when waiting times are high in secondary care and demonstrates value for money when comparing to national tariffs. On this basis the intention is to issue a new contract for 2024/25."

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: £190,518

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121231 - Cardiology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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 £190,518.

Contract Start Date: 01 April 2024

Contract End Date: 31 March 2025

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

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 09 April 2024 (8 working days following publication of intention to award notice)]. 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

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

QHM-2024-5492

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 February 2024

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

Sunderland GP Alliance

Suite 118I NE Business Innovation Centre Enterprise Park

East Sunderland

SR5 2TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

09039776

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £190,518

Total value of the contract/lot: £190,518

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representation should be sent to:

Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Details of the individual(s) making the award decision:

TBC

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

TBC

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Newcastle upon Tyne

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