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Contract

Provision of continued General Medical Services (GMS) for Bluebell Surgery patients

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044d74

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

Aspen House, Stephenson Road, Severalls Business Park

Colchester

CO4 9QR

Email

sally.harrington@snee.nhs.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastsex.icb.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

Provision of continued General Medical Services (GMS) for Bluebell Surgery patients

Reference number

ACE-0744-2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Pursuant to The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Regulation 14, Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (the Authority) will be awarding an Urgent Caretaker arrangement for the delivery of continued General Medical Services (GMS) for Bluebell Surgery patients.

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: £846,198

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Highwoods area of Colchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Bluebell Surgery (F81746) is a single handed general medical practice in the Highwoods area of Colchester. The sole partner served the required 3 months' notice on the GMS contract on 16 January 2024. Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (the Authority) has delegated responsibility to ensure continuity of primary medical services for Bluebell Surgery's registered patient list.

There is a significant risk that there will be no provision of primary medical services, jeopardising the health and well-being of patients (to a potentially fatal degree). Therefore this contract needs to be placed urgently.

The Authority therefore has an urgent need for the provision of continued general medical services forming part of this contract and cannot be left without a provider.

The contract duration will be for an initial 1 year, starting on 1.5.2024, with the option to extend by a further year. The maximum contract duration will be 2 years.

The value of the contract being offered for the scope of services for the 1-year contract period is £423,099. The aggregate value of the contract (including extension provision of 1 year) is £846,198.

Given the nature of business modelling involved and the associated resource implications for the potential provider it is necessary for the contingency contract to be for a maximum 24 months, in order for this to be a financially viable proposition. Otherwise the costs of a short-term contract would be prohibitive and would potentially negatively impact on health care.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: Pass / Fail

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: Pass / Fail

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial contract length is 1 year (from 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025) with the option to extend for a further 1 year (to 30th April 2026) pending agreement by both parties.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

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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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 March 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

Highwoods Surgery

Highwoods Square

Colchester

CO4 9SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £846,198

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under 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.

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The authorising committee for this contract award is Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board Executive Committee.

Conflicts of Interest have been carefully managed in line with the Authority's Conflict of Interest Policy and Governance Handbook.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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