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Contract

Neurology service

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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PR18XB

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD4 - Lancashire

NHS Organisation Data Service

QE1

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.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

Neurology service

Reference number

QE1-NP9- UDA-24-002

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111000 - Hospital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of a neurology service in South Cumbria.

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: £2,086,812

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of a neurology service in South Cumbria.

This notice is confirmation of an award having been made due to urgent circumstances.

The lifetime value of the contract is £2,086,812

Contract Start Date: 01/04/2025

Contract End Date: 31/03/2026 (31/03/2027 if option to extend is exercised)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: To address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /
Weighting: 100

Price - 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 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.

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

Title

Neurology Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 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

Bespoke Healthcare Ltd

5 Wyder Court, Ribbleton,

Preston

PR2 5BW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Companies House

8793241

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,086,812

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.

The contract award was urgent due to the current provider serving notice and the requirement to transfer patients to ensure the continuity of the service within the South Cumbria locality. The provider was chosen as the best positioned to adopt the South Cumbria neurology service due to their existing networks within the geography and there is a high degree of confidence that they can rapidly mobilise the service from April 2025. The existing provider was no longer able to provide the service due to challenges in maintaining consultant cover and therefore served notice to the ICB. Concerns over patient harm have already been raised to the ICB due to the removal of this service, along with an additional impact on the existing waiting list, which is why an urgent award was justified as any further delays would pose a risk to patients.

The contract length is for 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months. This is required due to the highly complex nature of the services and geographical configuration of existing services. Adequate time is required to fully explore options and complete the required market and patient engagement.

The ICB's CFO approved this urgent award on the 19/12/2024.

No conflicts were declared.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Preston

Country

United Kingdom