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Contract

Most Suitable Provider: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Most Suitable Provider: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice of intention to make an award in respect of the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) Process for the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages (Lot 1: North West and Lot 2: North East and Yorkshire). For the avoidance of doubt, this is an intention to award notice. A notice of the confirmation of the award of each contract will be issued once they are signed.

The service is commissioned in England for two specific indications in line with NHS England published Service Specification: Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for decompression illness/gas embolism (all ages).

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Hyperbaric-oxygen-therapy-services-all-ages-Service-specification-January-2025.pdf>

The aim of the service is to deliver Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) where clinically appropriate for those suffering from Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.

The above aim will be achieved by:

- (a) Providing 24 hour a day access to specialist clinical assessment by a Hyperbaric physician for patients who have symptoms following diving or exposure to altered pressure environment, or who may have had gas enter their circulation by another mechanism (gas embolism).
- (b) Where appropriate, onward referral or discharge of patients who do not require HBOT treatment for Decompression Illness (DCI) or Gas Embolism.
- (c) 24-hour access to HBOT where clinically appropriate.
- (d) HBOT delivered in facilities that are well maintained, comply with all relevant regulations, and follow best practice guidelines.
- (e) HBOT facilities are staffed with suitably qualified, experienced teams with skills that

are actively maintained.

(f) The delivery of care that is integrated with other services including the Emergency Department, Intensive Care, and other healthcare professionals as required.

(g) Wherever possible, supporting the return of the service user to their pre-injury level of function, including referral to return to diving assessment if appropriate.

(h) Engaging in relevant research and development of HBOT and actively engage in national audit and data collection for the HBOT service.

(i) Working with relevant agencies and clinicians to support education and prevention initiatives.

Decompression Illness

Decompression illness arises from exposure to an altered pressure environment, most often from diving. There is a total of approximately 150 - 200 cases in England per year.

Gas embolism

Cases of gas embolism arise from introduction of gas into a patient's circulation, most often inadvertently during a medical procedure (iatrogenic gas embolism). There are currently approximately 10 cases in England per year.

The Commissioner intends to award contracts following the Most Suitable Process to 2 providers which are existing providers of this service.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract for both Lots is £13,887,945.

The services will start on 1st April 2026 and the initial period will run until 30th September 2030 with an option to extend for up to a further 1+1 years (full contract term 6.5 years).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £13,887,945

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - North West

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Commissioner intends to award this contract following the Most Suitable Process to the existing provider of this service.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract for Lot 1 - North West is £6,965,741.

The services will start on 1st April 2026 and the initial period will run until 30th September 2030 with an option to extend for up to a further 1+1 years (full contract term 6.5 years).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key Criteria / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 4.5 years the Commissioner has the option to extend for up to a further 1 + 1 years

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 : North East & Yorkshire

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Commissioner intends to award this contract following the Most Suitable Process to the existing provider of this service.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract for Lot 2 - North East & Yorkshire is £6,992,204.

The services will start on 1st April 2026 and the initial period will run until 30th September 2030 with an option to extend for up to a further 1+1 years (full contract term 6.5 years).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key Criteria /
Weighting: 100

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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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by Tuesday 17 February 2026. 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: Yes

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

5 February 2026

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

HYPERBARIC TREATMENT and TRAINING SERVICES LIMITED

Birkenhead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD74 - Wirral

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £6,965,741

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,965,741

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V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NORTH OF ENGLAND MEDICAL HYPERBARIC SERVICES LIMITED

Hull

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE11 - Kingston upon Hull, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,992,204

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. This intention to award notice is subject to Regulation 10(7) of the Health Care Services (Provider

Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act Regulations 2023 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight on Tuesday 17 February 2026. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Written representations should be sent to jessica.gaucher-thompson@nhs.net, ensuring the

following details are referenced:

Project reference: C367512

Project title: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services for all ages - Most Suitable Provider process

This decision has been made as per NHS England governance processes, by the National Commissioning Group on 5th February 2026. No conflicts of Interest were identified amongst decision makers.

Each of the 5 key criteria were balanced with equal priority and considered on this basis and consideration was given to the basic selection criteria. Following provider assessments, it was agreed that the providers are the only providers capable of meeting the service specifications and requirements.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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