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Contract

Contract for the Provision of Public Health services within General Practice

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044f85

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire County Council

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the Provision of Public Health services within General Practice

Reference number

HCC2314793

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an Award Notice for the Provision of Public Health Services within General Practice. This is a direct award because competition is absent for technical reasons.

Contracts have been awarded to every GP practice within Hertfordshire.

The contracts are due to start on 01/04/2024 for an initial period of 3 years until

31/03/2027, with an option to extend for a further 36 months.

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: £10,091,952

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is an Award Notice. Hertfordshire County Council have awarded a contract for the Provision of Public Health Services within General Practice. There is no competition for this service.

Hertfordshire County Council Public Health has responsibility for commissioning the following services:

The prescribing, fitting and removal of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) devices form part of the Local Authorities' mandated responsibility for commissioning sexual health services. Hertfordshire ensures that LARCs are offered as part of an integrated contraceptive pathway, which includes consultation and after-care.

The provision of Chlamydia screening and treatment contributes to the National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP). Although the NCSP only offers screening for Chlamydia, in Hertfordshire we screen for both Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea (dual testing) and it is available for anyone aged 15 years and above. This allows services to provide free opportunistic testing, treatment and partner management and prevention to sexually active residents living in Hertfordshire

The council also has a mandated responsibility to ensure that all eligible registered patients in Hertfordshire are invited to attend for five yearly NHS Health Checks at the practice in which they are registered.

The provision of stop smoking support is not a mandated function. However, smoking remains one of the primary lifestyle behaviours contributing to premature mortality; Smoking cessation support is a cost-effective intervention.

GP practices have access to their registered patient list and need to be able to effectively manage the clinical risk inherent in the delivery of these clinical interventions.

Therefore contracts for the Public Health Services within General Practice will be awarded for an initial term of 3 years (with the option for annual extensions up to 3 further years) to every GP practice within Hertfordshire. The value stated above is across all GP practices for the maximum contract duration.

Each GP Practice shall deliver the services they are accredited and registered to deliver to ensure equity of service choice for Hertfordshire residents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is provision for an extension of 36 months. The value stated in II.1.7 is inclusive of this.

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is relying on Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 in making this award without prior publication. Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) permits such an award where competition is absent for technical reasons.

The National and Strategic direction for single provider (GP practices) in Hertfordshire is to ensure that the 102 Hertfordshire GP practices continue to be well placed not just to provide medical care, but also to promote the health and well-being of the practice population and to address health inequalities. Hertfordshire County Council Public Health has responsibility for commissioning the services outlined in II.2.4.

The Council has therefore awarded a contract to All GP Practices within Hertfordshire. This represents a best value approach to ensure the ongoing service delivery.

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

HCC2314793

Title

Contract for the Provision of Public Health services within General Practice

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 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

GP Practices in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £10,091,952

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,091,952

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom