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NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03c238

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

NHS Organisation Data Service

QJG

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://suffolkandnortheastessex.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

NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education

Reference number

WSCCG - 00000083

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board are looking to commission NHS care primary dentistry to provide additional access for our population to NHS dental treatment whilst simultaneously increasing and upskilling the local dental workforce through education and training.

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: £15,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System locality

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Across the country, there has been long-standing and well-known challenges for the public associated with accessing NHS dental care. Suffolk and North East Essex is in fact one of the most challenged areas.

Dental commissioning responsibilities will move from NHS England to local integrated care boards across the country from 1st April 2023. We are working on plans to deliver significant change and improvement in the medium to long term, with the vision of enabling timely access to NHS dental services for all and growing and developing the whole dental workforce.

The service will be expected to provide mandatory services to the population of NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board with a minimum of eight, fully equipped dental surgery units in order to address oral health needs utilising a skilled multidisciplinary team, covering all proper and necessary dental care and treatment.

The service will guarantee placements for local newly qualified and in training dental nurses, therapists, hygienists and dental technicians and provide or have the ability to provide placements for newly qualified and in training dentists. The service will provide a teaching environment for student hygienists and therapists affiliated with a local education establishment.

The service will provide or have the potential to provide the opportunity for overseas dentists to practice under supervision alongside completing the Overseas Registration Examination (ORE). The GDC require the provider to have 'institution' status to employ overseas dentists.

The service will work within the social, economic, and environmental themes within the Cabinet Office Social Value Model to ensure they are always doing the right thing by both their people and the planet.

This notice is made by the Contracting Authority; NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") in compliance with their local standing financial instructions (SFIs) to notify the market of the intention to award a contract to deliver NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education to University of Suffolk Dental Community Interest Company.

The Authority is to award the services outlined in this notice to the University of Suffolk Dental Community Interest Company as no other suitable providers expressed an interest in the F01: Prior information notice (call for competition) - Notice reference: 2023/S

000-006981 - NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

5 years with a potential extension of 2 years

II.2.14) Additional information

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

Contract review provision:

Please note that the services and associated specification and prices commissioned within this contract may be subject to review and change, any changes will be through a variation to the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Additionally, the contract may also be amended in terms of the original services supplied, where, following assessment it is identified that it is logical for additional services to be delivered in conjunction with this contract and by the provider, both in terms of actual service delivery and to avoid duplication of costs.

These services may include but are not limited to other services and specialties formally delivered in the primary and secondary care systems where it is foreseen that these services can be delivered more effectively as part of this contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure

Explanation:

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The total contract value is forecasted to be £15,400,000. over a potential five year initial term with the option to extend by a further two years (£2,200,000. per annum) (excluding VAT).

The five year initial term will start on the 1st September 2023, ending on the 31st August 2028.

The Contracting Authority is yet to agree appropriate inflation and uplift for this contract for the period of 2024/25 through to 2027/28. These will be dealt with as Contract Variations in accordance with the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions. The Authority deems any such variations are not substantial or material changes, as they occur due to external causes beyond the Authority's control, including changes in contract value driven by changes in patient volume. The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes to the market, once final.

The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this VEAT, during which the Authority will not enter into any contractual arrangement.

The Authority is to award the services outlined in this notice to the University of Suffolk Dental Community Interest Company for the following reason.

On the 9 March 2023, 7:08pm NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board published an Opportunity through Find a Tender F01: Prior information notice (call for competition) - Notice reference: 2023/S 000-006981 - NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education. The notice and e-procurement portal remained open until 12:00 (noon) 31st March 2023 to receive expressions of

interest.

After this date the Authority closed the opportunity and made contact with all Providers who had expressed an interest. The Authority invited Providers to respond to requirements of the specification, and upon conclusion of this information review and in agreement with the Providers who responded to the invitation, only one Provider was deemed suitable. That provider was the University of Suffolk Dental Community Interest Company. No other Providers who responded were able to deliver the specification required.

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/concession

Title

NHS Primary Care Dentistry supporting Dental Workforce Training and Education

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

University of Suffolk Dental Community Interest Company

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Ipswich

IP4 1QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

14700240

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £15,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom