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Contract

Community Audiology

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

Level 3, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Fishergate Hill

Preston

PR18XB

Email

lsicib.procurement@nhs.net

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

Community Audiology

Reference number

QE1-NYN-DA-24-001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121240 - ENT or audiologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of a community audiology service delivering age related hearing assessments and aids in community settings, covering the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB footprint.

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: £9,305,680

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD4 - Lancashire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of a community audiology service delivering age related hearing assessments and aids in community settings, covering the Lancashire and South Cumbria

ICB footprint.

Start Date: 01/04/2025

End Date: 31/03/2028

With the option to extend for a further 2 years.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £9,305,680 (including the extension) however the final contract value is still to be finalised.

The ICB are intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / 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 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 processes as set out in the PSR have been applied and not the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of the notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 11th April 2025. 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

Title

Community Audiology

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 February 2025

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

Specsavers Hearcare Group Limited

La Villiaze, St Andrews

Guernsey

GY6 8YP

Country

Guernsey

NUTS code

- GG - Guernsey

Companies House

35965

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,305,680

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 11th April 2025. 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 lscicb.procurement@nhs.net

Details of Decision Makers:

The recommendation to award the contract via this route has been made by the ICB commissioning lead for the service and was then endorsed at the ICB Commissioning Resource Group on the 30th January 2025. The final decision to award the contract was made by the LSC ICB Executive Team on the 4th February 2025.

This award is in compliance with direct award route c as there is an existing provider for the services and the existing provider is satisfying the original contract, will likely satisfy the proposed new contract and the services are not changing considerably. In completion of the service and provider assessment, the relative importance of the key criteria (Quality and Innovation, Value, Integration, Collaboration, and Service Sustainability, Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice, and Social Value) were considered against the current contract specification and the ICB are assured that the provider is satisfying the requirements within the specification in relation to the key criteria. The ICB are also satisfied that the provider meets the basic selection criteria.

There were no conflicts of interest identified.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Preston

Country

United Kingdom