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Contract

NHSE - SEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services

NHS England (London Region)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England (London Region)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

NHS Organisation Data Service

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

NHSE - SEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services

Reference number

PRJ2171

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSE - SEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services.

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: £512,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHSE - SEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services.

To provide an outreach vaccination service targeted at the underserved and core 20 plus 5 populations of South East London.

The Provider must endeavour to deliver the Vaccination Outreach Services through flexible community led delivery models to improve uptake and engagement with communities. Processes where possible should support patients with communication needs and/or encourage vaccination of patients who experience other difficulties in accessing healthcare.

The SEL outreach vaccination service is dedicated to reaching a broad and diverse population across the ICB's geographical footprint with the aim of providing equitable access to COVID-19 and other vaccinations for all residents, regardless of their location, age, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

COVID-19 vaccinations are currently commissioned with providers under an enhanced service agreement overseen by NHSE1 and this means that delivery is subject to providers either opting-in or opting-out of this type of provision. Consequently, a key delivery component of the current roving service is to substantiate gaps in local provision where for example there is no viable primary care or other community option to support vulnerable patients.

This contract award has been made following Urgent Award Process (The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Regulation 14).

This contract will be for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months).

The approximate lifetime value of the contract for 12 months is £512,000.

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.

This an incumbent provider within the SEL footprint, having taken part in previous campaigns. A delay in national confirmation of funding created an unrealistic timeframe, in which a full procurement process would have left gaps in the provision of vaccines in the upcoming Spring campaign for large numbers of eligible individuals and/or groups. Discussion has taken place with all London ICB Programme Leads and it has been agreed that due to the serious time constraints and ensuring readiness for Spring, a direct award of 12 months to incumbent providers is essential. In addition, there is significant concern on the extent of reduction in Access and Inequalities funding, and with no surge budget this year, that providers will not come forward to support any shorter contract period as it is not financially viable for them. It is recommended that regional approval is provided to issue direct award contracts to existing incumbent providers to enable the commissioning of outreach services for 2025/26.

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

25 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

GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

NHS Organisation Data Service

RJ1

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £512,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Award decision makers:

Following a national CEG decision, the London Regional Executive team approved the request for an Outreach Service, Direct Award (12 months) to incumbent providers.

- Regional Director of Finance, NHSE London
- Regional Director of Commissioning, NHSE London
- Director of Commissioning Finance, NHSE London

Approval was also given by:

- Operational Director - Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programmes, NHSE London
- Assistant Director of Delivery, NHSE London
- Vaccine Programme Lead, NHSE London

There were no conflicts of interest identified in the decision making process.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England (London Region)

London

Country

United Kingdom