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Contract

NHSE - NEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services - 1

NHS England (London Region)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ffa2

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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 - NEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services - 1

Reference number

2172

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSE - NEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services - 1.

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: £178,750

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHSE - NEL Provision of Covid-19 Vaccination Services - 1.

To provide a centralised team for co-ordinating innovative approaches to outreach across the NEL boroughs of Redbridge, Hackney and the City of London, Havering, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Newham & Barking and Dagenham.

Work collaboratively with system communications and engagement teams, local public health teams, housing teams, place-based teams, voluntary sector organisations, faith groups, experts by experience and community groups in co-designing outreach clinics, events and interventions to address health inequalities and increase vaccine uptake.

To reduce health inequalities by reaching eligible cohorts in underserved individuals and/or communities and inclusion groups;

To co-design outreach clinics that build trust and increase vaccination uptake amongst eligible inclusion health groups as defined by the National framework for NHS - action on inclusion health.

To offer a flexible and responsive outreach service that offers a targeted approach to outreach, based on local data analysis and behavioural insights.

To actively participate in community engagement initiatives that build trust and confidence in vaccination programmes.

Develop a robust communication plan in partnership with the ICB, local authority, local stakeholders and pan London Vaccination and Screening Steering Groups and health partnerships to raise awareness and promote vaccination uptake.

To implement systems and processes to ensure that the outreach team is up to date and informed of any changes to national guidance, policy and protocols in relation to the safe and effective delivery of national vaccination programmes.

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 £178,750.

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 NEL 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

Highgrove Surgery

Barking

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £178,750

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