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Central Bedfordshire (4 Practices) PCN DES 2022/23

NHS BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034082

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.blmkccg.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

Central Bedfordshire (4 Practices) PCN DES 2022/23

Reference number

ACE-0594-2022-BLMK

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of NHS BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group intention to award a contract for a PCN service (to cover four practice populations who have opted out of the PCN DES) of £1,242,556 to Lea Vale Medical Group for a period of 10 months to commence in June 2022.

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: £1,242,556

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Central Bedfordshire Area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Four Central Bedfordshire Practices have opted out of the PCN DES.

The CCG must ensure the delivery of the Network Contract DES as soon as practicable

Previously approved PCNs have been approached to provide the service and the CCG has engaged with a range of PCNs and local GP provider organisations as well as the LMC.

In view of the urgent need to maintain services and consequences for patients being disadvantaged one PCN has agreed and been appointed to provide DES Services until the 31st March 2023.

This approach ensures the patients of the four opted out practices will have continued access to the full range of network services with minimal disruption and it meets the directions of the DES ensuring services are provided as soon as practicable.

Activity Total Comment

PCN Payments (10 months) £285,891 This includes Clinical Director, PCN Core support, extended hours up to 30/09/2022, enhanced access from 01/10/2022

Investment and Income fund £192,887 Total budget based on national profile. No in-year payment expected to be made at present.

Actual payment will be based on 22-23 achievement and made in 2023-24 once declaration is made and validated.

Payment will be made as pass through payments to individual practices to support clinical development to achieve DES requirements.

ARRS Funding £747,978 Maximum budget shown. Payments will be monthly in arrears based on ARRS submission by PCN via portal Care Homes Premium (10

months) £15,800 Payment shown based on current registered beds.

Payment re-assessed should bed numbers be updated

Total £1,242,556

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Service to which this Procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations") 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.

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 open procedure

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

BLMK CCG has awarded a ten-month contract for a PCN DES without prior publication:

This was strictly necessary for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, as the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation could not be complied with:

In terms of the circumstances, these were:

Four practices Central Bedfordshire Practices have opted out of the Network DES at short notice

(i) There is a necessity to ensure continuity of service to the patients of those four practices as their patients must still be able to benefit from the services provided for under the Network DES

(ii) BLMK CCG does not have the time to run a formal procurement given the immediacy of needing to ensure continuity of service

(iii) The services needed to be provided by another PCN within a reasonably close geographical location to the four practices, and that after an initial exploration of options there was no wider expression of interest.

The contract is only being awarded for a short-term period of 10 Months (part year) to align with the national Network DES (which is itself a year-on-year contract).

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

Central Bedfordshire (4 Practices) PCN DES 2022/23

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2022

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

Lea Vale Medical Group

Liverpool Road Health Centre, 9 Mersey Place, Liverpool Road

Luton

LU1 1HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH21 - Luton

Internet address

<https://www.leavale.nhs.uk/>

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: £1,242,556

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority participating in the publication of this VEAT and the award of the contract communicated herein is:

NHS BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom