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Contract

Primary Care Support to the Stop Smoking Service

Darlington Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-016312

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-065aac

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Darlington Borough Council

Town Hall, Feethams

Darlington

DL15QT

Contact

Andrew Roote

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Primary Care Support to the Stop Smoking Service

Reference number

2026-00317

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To support the Stop Smoking Service by increasing and optimising the delivery of Very Brief Advice (VBA) across all primary care settings. Contribute to key service outcomes and help reduce smoking prevalence in Darlington, with a focus on identifying, targeting, and engaging individuals most likely to benefit from stop?smoking support.

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: £117,680.70

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC13 - Darlington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To support the Stop Smoking Service by increasing and optimising the delivery of Very

Brief Advice (VBA) across all primary care settings. Contribute to key service outcomes and help reduce smoking prevalence in Darlington, with a focus on identifying, targeting, and engaging individuals most likely to benefit from stop?smoking support.

Is it the intention to award a contract to the existing provider following direct award process C for a period of 2 years with the ability to extend for further 1 year.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

C1.1 If the Authority wishes to extend this Contract, it shall give the Provider written notice of such intention before the Expiry Date set out in clause A3.2.

C1.2 If the Authority gives such notice then the Expiry Date shall be extended by the period set out in the notice.

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 provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by [Add date]. 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: No

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

19 January 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

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE DARLINGTON LIMITED

Darlington

DL3 7PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC13 - Darlington

Companies House

09213928

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £117,680.70

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 6/03/26. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR

The intention is to continue to work with the existing provider Primary Healthcare Darlington in providing primary care support to the Stop Smoking Service. The direct award would ensure sustainability of a high quality service with a provider with a proven track record of delivery.

PHD already work closely with CDDFT the provider of Darlington Stop Smoking Service, making PHD the most suitable provider, to provide a member of staff and access to GP data. PHD is a GP Federation insisting of 11 GP Practices covering an ever increasing population of 112,000+ registered patients in Darlington. This has enabled the 11 Practices to work together at scale to ensure consistent and equitable NHS services for the registered patients of Darlington.

Decision-makers:

Lorraine Hughes -Director of Public Health

Abbie Kelly - Public Health Portfolio Lead

Conflicts of interest: Non identified

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Darlington Borough Council

Town Hall, Feethams

Darlington

DL1 5QT

Country

United Kingdom