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Award

Contract Award for Central Bedfordshire (2 Practices) Primary Care Network (PCN) Direct Enhanced Services (DES) 2023/24

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Other activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract Award for Central Bedfordshire (2 Practices) Primary Care Network (PCN) Direct Enhanced Services (DES) 2023/24

Reference number

AG23510

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 to notify of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board's (BLMK ICB) intention to award a contract for the PCN DES 2023/24 service to cover two practice populations.

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: £1,040,893

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health 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

Two Central Bedfordshire GP practices have opted out of the PCN DES 2023/24 and therefore BLMK ICB must ensure delivery of the final year of the 5-year framework of the Network Contract DES.

In view of the urgent need to maintain services and consequences for patients being disadvantaged, the PCN who delivered the services in 22/23 in similar circumstances has been approached and has agreed to continue to provide DES services from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2024 . This approach ensures the patients of the two 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.

The total available funding is £1,040,893 for the year. £597,053 of the total is dependent upon recruitment to ARRS roles.

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, or those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

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:

BLMK CCG has awarded a twelve-month contract for the provision of PCN DES services without prior publication under Regulation 32(2) (c) of the Public Contract Regulations which states the following;

“Insofar as is strictly necessary where, 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:

Two 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 two practices as their patients must still be able to benefit from the services provided for under the Network DES
- (ii) BLMK ICB 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 two 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 12 Months 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 June 2023

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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,040,893

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,040,893

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:

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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