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Provision of Somerset Cancer Register including maintenance of the system

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.ruh.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

Provision of Somerset Cancer Register including maintenance of the system

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72320000 - Database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of a digital platform which is designed for healthcare professionals to manage cancer patient care as well as providing patients the ability to access their cancer record at follow-up enabling tracking of a patients cancer journey. maintenance to include regular system updates, contract management, and 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: £85,284

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust
Combe Park
Bath
Somerset
BA1 3NG

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An award of a contract for provision of Somerset Cancer Register including maintenance of the system for a period of three years, with no option to extend.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Trust is in a position to enter into a 36-month contract with Somerset NHS Foundation Trust if one of the exemptions from tendering set out in Regulation 32 applies. In this instance the Trusts wish to utilise Regulation 32(2)(b) to award a contract to Somerset NHS Foundation Trust.

Regulation 32(2)(b) is the sole supplier exemption and applies where:

- The services can only be supplied by a particular supplier as competition is absent for technical reasons (“Test 1”)
- There is no other reasonable alternative or substitute available (“Test 2”); and
- The Trust has not artificially narrowed the parameters of the procurement in order to attempt to rely on the exemption (“Test 3”).

Test 1: The services can only be supplied by a particular supplier as competition is absent for technical reasons:

- Only Cancer specific Electronic Patient Record (EPR) that captures the full patient referral to treatment pathway, whilst being the only solution that meets all the National Dataset Requirements: Cancer Outcomes Services Dataset, National Clinical Audits, Cancer Waiting Times.
- Clinical Systems Interoperability: SCR is currently integrated with a number of the Trusts clinical system i.e. PAS / EPR and managing these mechanisms to ensure data integrity and quality is challenging and can only be managed by the incumbent supplier.
- Clinical Systems Integration: SCR provides the mechanism to link clinical systems to instantly pull data directly in the patient record for both diagnostics i.e. HL7 links to

Pathology, Radiology and Oncology systems, and HL7 links to anticancer drugs, Radiotherapy and surgery systems which drives efficiency in data capture and patient outcomes. This type of interfacing is proprietary and requires a unique and in-depth knowledge of technical skill to manage and maintain them with only Somerset NHS Foundation Trust can provide.

Test 2: There is no other reasonable alternative or substitute available

- Referral to treatment times: Increase in time to turnaround and treat patient whilst what would be multiple systems would be set-up to replicate the SCR service, which puts undue risk on a patient being treated.
- Alternative systems exist for patient pathway management but aren't Cancer specific and don't meet national reporting requirements, meaning the acquisition and implementation of multiple systems would need to be joined together with Cancer reporting data needing to be uploaded manually to the national Cancer Waiting Times (CWT) system. All these factors would incur additional and unnecessary cost and resource.

Test 3: The Trust has not artificially narrowed the parameters of the procurement in order to attempt to rely on the exemption.

- If an alternative system(s) providing the same level of functionality, integration and reporting had been available then they would have been considered as part of longer-term market engagement and sensing strategy, but at present, the market is limited to only one provider in the form of SCR.
- Additionally, had an alternative system(s) been available, it would only have been considered as part of the wider Cancer Alliance i.e. SWAG replacement activity, as the alliance's strategic objectives is to rationalise and commonise software products / packages to ensure continuity and consistency across the patch.

Therefore, and in summary, procurement and the project team are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence of compliance to both SFI's and PCR 2015, and the contract will be via supplier's Terms and Conditions, having been reviewed and offering minimal risk to the Trust.

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

20 May 2024

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: £85,284

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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