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# **Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

LISBURN ROAD

**BELFAST** 

BT97AB

Contact

Norma Moore

**Email** 

norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

## Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

## Internet address(es)

Main address

https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/

## 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

Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

Reference number

DAC

## II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 48160000 - Library software package

## II.1.3) Type of contract

**Supplies** 

## II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

## 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: £384,816

## II.2) Description

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

## II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

## II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

There is no reasonable alternative for this procurement, the purchase of UpToDate enhances BHSCT Clinicians ability to provide the best possible care for our patients and ensure equitability for both patients, the clinical workforce and doctors in training. No other resource offers UpToDate's depth and breadth of content, keen clinical nuance and insight, synthesised information, and organised, searchable format. More than 7,300 physicians, internationally recognised as experts in their fields, write UpToDate topics, over 12,000 topics (including text, graphics, and links to more than 495,000 references), 9,700 graded recommendations, 6,500 unique drug monographs and a drug interactions tool, calculators, 2-tiered patient information leaflets and International (including UK) Society Guideline Links (inc NICE & SIGN). UpToDate is unique in the breadth, depth and quality of clinical content to provide clinical teams with trusted evidence based content. UpToDate is a sole source provider of these services as described. The absence of competition is not a result of the artificial narrowing of the parameters of the procurement.

## 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/concession

#### **Contract No**

DAC

#### **Title**

Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 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

Wolters Kluwer Health

Wolters Kluwer

230 Third Avenue Waltham MA

02451

Country

**United States** 

**NUTS** code

• US - United States

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £384,816

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £384,816

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Belfast

**BT8 8BH** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Internet address

https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/