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Award

Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d798

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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BELFAST

BT97AB

Contact

Norma Moore

Email

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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

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