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## **Direct Access / Patient Choice Elective Care services**

NHS NCL Integrated Care Board

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03e35e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKI - London

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QMJ

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board/>

Buyer's address

<https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Direct Access / Patient Choice Elective Care services

Reference number

PRJ-1301

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

NCL ICB wishes to continue to commission the Direct Access / Patient Choice Elective Care services from its local independent Sector Hospital Providers within North Central London as part of its extended choice agenda to ensure that the ICB is:

- Providing sufficient local capacity and choice to their registered NCL population,
- Meet the broader requirements of the national patient choice agenda,
- Demonstrate responsiveness to patient demand and feedback.

The Direct Access / Patient Choice Elective Care services will be at specified locations within North Central London. One contract covering Cavell, Hendon & Kings Oak Hospitals with Circle Health Group and one contract covering Highgate Hospital with Nuffield Healthcare. Each contract will be for 3 years with option to extend by a further 2 years.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £32,356,105

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cavell, Hendon & Kings Oak Hospitals to Circle Health

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

Cavell, Hendon & Kings Oak Hospitals

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Contract with Circle Health to provide patients and GPs within North Central London with extended patient choice options, accessible via the e-Referral Service, e-RS (formerly known as Choose and Book). They support the delivery of a range of elective, outpatient, and diagnostics services for adults over 18 years, including but not limited to the following specialties':

- Trauma and Orthopaedics
- General surgery
- Pain management
- Gastroenterology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Urology
- Gynaecology.

These services are part of the national patient choice framework and associated choice menu, meaning patients and GPs self-refer/self-select, meaning NCL Integrated Care Boards ability to affect referral flows is limited. Good contract governance dictates the need to establish formal contractual relationships covering these hospital sites, given the historical levels of patient /GP usage.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for an initial period of 3 years with an option to extend for further 2 years.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Nuffield Healthcare

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

Highgate Hospitals

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Contract with Nuffield Healthcare to provide patients and GPs within North Central London with extended patient choice options, accessible via the e-Referral Service, e-RS (formerly known as Choose and Book). They support the delivery of a range of elective, outpatient, and diagnostics services for adults over 18 years, including but not limited to the following specialties:

- Trauma and Orthopaedics
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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial contract will be for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further period of 2 years. The contract value stipulated in this notice is for a period of 5 years.

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## **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:

Contracts with Circle and Nuffield provide patients and GPs within North Central London with extended patient choice options, accessible via the e-Referral Service, e-RS (formerly known as Choose and Book). They support the delivery of a range of elective, outpatient, and diagnostics services for adults over 18 years, including but not limited to the following specialties:

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- General surgery
- Pain management
- Gastroenterology
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These services are part of the national patient choice framework and associated choice menu, meaning patients and GPs self-refer/self-select, meaning NCL Integrated Care Boards ability to affect referral flows is limited. Good contract governance dictates the need to establish formal contractual relationships covering these hospital sites, given the historical levels of patient /GP usage.

As per Regulation 32 of PCR2015, use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication is permitted where competition is absent for technical reasons. These services are also covered by European Union patient choice regulations, which have not been rescinded post Brexit.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

PRJ-1301 A

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Cavell, Hendon & Kings Oak Hospitals to Circle Health

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

1 April 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**

Circle Health

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £21,756,770

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### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Contract No**

PRJ-1301 B

#### **Lot No**

2

#### **Title**

Nuffield Healthcare

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

1 April 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**

Nuffield Healthcare

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

01279419

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: £10,599,335

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS NCL ICB

London

Country

United Kingdom