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## **Integrated Primary Eye Care Service - NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB**

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

2nd Floor Preston Business Centre Watling Street Road Fulwood

Preston

PR2 8DY

#### **Email**

[mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net](mailto:mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

## **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**

Integrated Primary Eye Care Service - NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB

Reference number

WHISP 130

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Integrated Primary Eye (Ophthalmology) Services for the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £16,305,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Various sites within the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB footprint

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

This is a call for expressions of interest to attend an Engagement Event for NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB's Tier 1 Ophthalmology Service. Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB currently commission a range of primary eye care services via a range of different providers which is delivered in all areas. These services were established through individual contracts between existing providers and the former CCGs. West Lancashire currently do not have a Tier 1 ophthalmology service commissioned within their geography so this will be an additional provision. A standardised model of Tier 1 ophthalmology provision has been designed in collaboration with clinical colleagues across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The aim is to take lessons learnt from the most successful models and work in alignment with national programmes to optimise our service provision, by regulating eyecare across Lancashire and South Cumbria, reducing health inequalities and increasing care provision and access.

The model will improve integration through collaborative partnerships between primary care optical practices and Hospital Eye Services. The aim is to provide safe, effective pathways of care with improved patient flow, via evidence-based pathways. This will improve access for patient care, deliver care closer to home and overall provide an excellent patient experience whilst delivering a cost-effective service.

As part of this procurement process, the authority is intending to identify one provider to deliver a Tier 1 Ophthalmology Service across the whole Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB.

The contract will be for 3 years with a possible 2-year extension. The estimated contract value per annum is £3,261,000. It is estimated that there will be 1% growth year on year.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria would like to invite all potential providers to an engagement event on Monday 7th August 2023 12-1pm via Microsoft Teams.

The procurement is due to commence in August 2023. The procurement will be advertised on the UK Find a

Tender Service (FTS) and on Contracts Finder in compliance with UK public sector procurement obligations.

Interested providers are advised to register with MLCSU e-Procurement portal Atamis via the following link:

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

At this stage this is an engagement exercise only and not a call for competition. The procurement for this service will be advertised separately.

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU is conducting this exercise on behalf of the Commissioners.

Candidates wishing to participate must register via email to: [mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net](mailto:mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net) with the following details:

Name of organisation

Name of the attendee

Email of attendee

Position/role in organisation

The deadline for registration is Thursday 3rd August 2023

Following the Engagement Event details will be made available to all on the Midlands and Lancashire CSU portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

This contract is for clinical services which are light touch regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ('Regulations'). Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the regulations.

**Right to Cancel:** The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts. This is not a call for tenders and the Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any tender received and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for tenders should as consider necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

**Transparency:** The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received during this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Contracting Authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

24 August 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes