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Contract

## **Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT) to NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

Windsor

SL4 3DP

#### **Email**

[scwcsu.cbprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.cbprocurement@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ37 - North Hampshire

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **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**

Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT) to NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Reference number

DAC7

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Frimley ICB ("the Commissioner") sought to commission SOPS Healthcare Ltd to provide a Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT).

Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT) cover patients in all areas of the Frimley ICB geography. The service medically manages and treats ENT conditions (the service does not require that surgical procedures be carried out) arising in the registered patient population of Frimley ICB. This service sees both adults and children. The following

conditions are treated: Glue Ear, Recurrent otitis media, Vertigo, Tinnitus, Otitis externa, Recurrent tonsillitis, Adenoid hypertrophy, Epistaxis, Deviated nasal septum, Rhinitis, Nasal Polyps, Chronic sinusitis, Globus Pharyngeus, Dysphonia, Ear and nose skin lesions. The service model is Any Willing Provider. The services are outpatient and community-based. Referrals are GP referral only using E-referral (e-RS).

#### **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: £623,613

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ37 - North Hampshire

Main site or place of performance

Frimley

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

NHS Frimley ICB ("the Commissioner") sought to commission Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT) A summary of the purposes and objectives of the services are below.

Community Ear, Nose & Throat Services (ENT) cover patients in all areas of the Frimley ICB geography. The service medically manages and treats ENT conditions (the service does not require that surgical procedures be carried out) arising in the registered patient population of Frimley ICB. This service sees both adults and children. The following conditions are treated: Glue Ear, Recurrent otitis media, Vertigo, Tinnitus, Otitis externa, Recurrent tonsillitis, Adenoid hypertrophy, Epistaxis, Deviated nasal septum, Rhinitis, Nasal Polyps, Chronic sinusitis, Globus Pharyngeus, Dysphonia, Ear and nose skin lesions. The service model is Any Willing Provider. The services are outpatient and community based. Referrals are GP referral only using E-referral (e-RS).

The Commissioner is directly awarding a contract to the existing provider SOPS Healthcare Ltd in accordance with the criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The total value of the contract for the initial one-year contract term is £310,874. The full lifetime contract value (one year + optional one year extension) is £623,613. The one-year contract period will commence on the 01st April 2024.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by up to 1 year

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

Evidence that SOPS Healthcare have satisfied the existing 23/24 contract to a sufficient standard according to the detail outlined in the 23/24 contract: they provided all of the required documentation, information and policies for the existing contract. They have: followed the contractual service specification, not deviated from Frimley ICB Safeguarding requirements, charged the correct local prices as per the contract, issued invoices correctly in accordance with the Frimley ICB process, complied with Quality reporting requirements and followed any Quality reporting templates agreed with the Commissioners, and followed Schedule 6A reporting requirements. SOPS have complied with/not fallen foul of the 23/24 NHS Standard Contract (Shorter Form) Service Conditions, including Service Conditions in relation to the following: service standards, co-operation, information requirements, safeguarding, payment terms and quality requirements. SOPS have also complied with/not fallen foul of the 23/24 Shorter Form General Conditions, including those relating to: liability & indemnity, assignment & sub-contracting, and Information Governance. The new contracting arrangements are based on a rollover of the previous contracting arrangements/schedules which the provider has already satisfied/complied with, and so the provider will highly likely be able to satisfy the new contract to a sufficient standard.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 24th July 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

7 May 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

SOPS Healthcare Ltd

1 Brackenwood Drive

Cheadle

SK8 1JX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Companies House

10424605

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £623,613

Total value of the contract/lot: £623,613

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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The Commissioner made the decision of directly awarding the incumbent provider SOPS

Healthcare Ltd in accordance with the following five criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

- Quality and innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

It has been advised that SOPS Healthcare Ltd has the evidenced ability to deliver the activity required to meet service requirements within the required region and that can deliver to the tight timescale. A direct award to SOPS Healthcare Ltd would be appropriate and present the best value for the Commissioner in this circumstance.

No declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were identified during the decision-making process.

Representations should be sent to [scwcsu.cbprocurement@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.cbprocurement@nhs.net).

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

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

NHS Frimley ICB

Windsor

Country

United Kingdom