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Sunderland GP Alliance Ambulatory ECG Service

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sunderland GP Alliance Ambulatory ECG Service

Reference number

QHM-2024-5492

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

"The NHS Long Term Plan¹ was published in January 2019 and set the plan for the NHS for the next 10 years. Cardiovascular disease was identified as a national clinical priority

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common sustained cardiac arrhythmia, with an estimated overall population prevalence in England of 2.5%. It is estimated that in 2016, around 1.4 million people in England were living with AF. Of these 425,000 were estimated to be undiagnosed and untreated.

A community-based Ambulatory ECG service facilitates early detection and the accurate diagnosis of conditions such as AF, enabling clinicians to provide patients with a diagnosis and treatment in a timely manner. It reduces the risk of harm to those patients

who may otherwise experience long waiting times to access the service via secondary care and whose diagnosis and treatment may be delayed as a result of this. The prompt management of such conditions benefits the health system as a whole. Patients presenting with palpitations are often very anxious about their symptoms. They have been advised, in the past, to attend ED when they have symptoms, as capturing their symptomatic episodes can result in diagnosis. With a prompt community-based service offering up to 7 day recordings, depending upon frequency of symptoms, the diagnostic yield of the test is optimized. The service contributes to a reduction in ED attendances when patients are awaiting a diagnosis and in the number of referrals to secondary care for diagnostic testing

Ambulatory ECG recordings carried out within the service, which allows them to interrogate reports that Primary Care physicians have concerns about, or are reported as 'Amber'. The utilisation of Advice and Guidance responses to reports can also act as a filter to ensure those that need outpatient care can receive it in the most efficient manner.

The service reduces demand on secondary care at a time when waiting times are high in secondary care and demonstrates value for money when comparing to national tariffs. On this basis the intention is to issue a new contract for 2024/25."

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-009770](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.2) Other additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under 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. This contract has now been formally awarded using Direct Award Process C.

Contract Start Date: 01/04/2024

Contract End Date: 31/03/2025

Contract Value: £190,518