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Contract

## **Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

LISBURN ROAD

BELFAST

BT97AB

#### **Contact**

Norma Moore

#### **Email**

[norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

#### **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

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Purchase of UpToDate Clinical Decision Support tool

Reference number

DAC11291

**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

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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 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

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-017384](#)

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

### **Contract No**

DAC11291

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 August 2023

#### **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**

Wolters Kluwer Health

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 is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £384,816

Total value of the contract/lot: £384,816

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Belfast

BT8 8BH

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/>