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Contract

## **Doctor Support Service**

General Medical Council (GMC)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042694

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

General Medical Council (GMC)

3 Hardman Street

Manchester

M3 3AW

#### **Email**

[gmctenders@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmctenders@gmc-uk.org)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1619236340

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gmc-uk.org>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Medical Regulator

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

Doctor Support Service

Reference number

GMC1697

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

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

Services

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

The requirement is for the provision of The Doctor Support Service ('the Service') – an independent, peer-to-peer emotional support service for doctors who:

- are subject to GMC fitness to practise procedures,
- have been referred to a Medical Practitioners Tribunal (MPT) hearing or
- have been notified that the GMC may withdraw their licence to practise.

We expect between 100 to 150 doctors to take up the Service per annum. The majority will be doctors seeking support during a GMC investigation of their fitness to practise. Approximately 850 such investigations were opened in 2022; roughly 30% resulted in referral to the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) for adjudication at a hearing. Approximately 10% of the doctors contacting the Service will be subject to potential withdrawal of their licence.

### **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: £264,600

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 65

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost criterion / Weighting: 25

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

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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 000-037174](#)

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

### **Contract No**

GMC1697

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 April 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

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

British Medical Association

BMA House, Tavistock Square

London

WC1H 9JP

Telephone

+44 2073836110

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £264,600

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(MT Ref:232419)

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

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

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>