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Award

Primary Medical Care Provision for The Gardens & Jacobs Neurological Centre Care for patients with complex neurological conditions incl. brain & spinal injury and neuroprogressive conditions

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

Email

rod.skinner@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.nhs.uk>

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

Primary Medical Care Provision for The Gardens & Jacobs Neurological Centre Care for patients with complex neurological conditions incl. brain & spinal injury and neuroprogressive conditions

Reference number

ACE-0710-2023-HWE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board's (HWE ICB) intention to award a 36-month contract (01/09/2023 – 31/08/2026) with the option to extend the contract by up to an additional 24-month period (31/08/28); a maximum contract term of 60-months.

It is HWE ICB's intention to award this contract to Stellar Healthcare; HWE ICB have been working to provide a GP specialist service for registered patient cohorts who have complex neurological conditions including acquired brain injury, spinal injury as well as neuroprogressive conditions.

Gardens and Jacobs offers a range of care and rehabilitation pathways to suit the individual needs of those accessing specialist services. These include:

- Neurological physical and cognitive rehabilitation, inpatient assessment and treatment
- Longer term complex care including specialist nursing, respiratory, tracheostomy and ventilator care
- Sensory assessment and complex care for patients with disorders of consciousness
- Effective management of behaviours that challenge
- Respite, short breaks and Continuing HealthCare
- Palliative care

The service which for the avoidance of doubt include but are not limited to primary care Essential Services, Additional Services; and national and local Enhanced Services.

HWE ICB have decided that the best solution to ensure that Patients across Hertfordshire and West Essex benefit from a suitable, capable and resultant specialist primary care GP provision, who have the required capacity and resource to deliver specialist primary medical care to the identified patient cohort and who also have with a willingness to work with the Authority to refine the current specification to be fit for purpose to the patient cohort for this service and also link in with the ICS applicable end of life pathways, respiratory, neurological and frailty pathways

The Authority has made this decision for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the Authority and can confirm that the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation could not be complied with before a contract start date of 01/09/2023. This is to ensure that patient service continuity is maintained and to ensure that patients are not without a service from 01/09/2023, onwards.

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: £1,700,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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It is HWE ICB's intention to award this contract to Steller Healthcare who HWE ICB believe are best placed to provide this intensive niche primary care provision at Gardens and Jacobs Neurological Centre in Hertfordshire, within a required 'time is of the essence' timescale for patient cohort who have complex neurological conditions including acquired brain injury, spinal injury as well as neuroprogressive conditions. The complexity of the patient cohort means this is not suitable for standard registration with a GP practice.

HWE ICB have decided that the best solution to ensure that Patients across Hertfordshire and West Essex benefit from this is to ensure local provision of services through close working with partners across the integrated care system, including the Care Home, Community and Voluntary services through a GP led service to enable integration with existing patient pathways within the ICS and is to contract with Stellar Healthcare, who are best placed and most technically capable to successfully deliver this service at pace.

As such the ICB propose to award a contract to Stellar Healthcare for the provision of Care for 'complex neurological and neuroprogressive conditions' commencing 1st September 2023 for 36 months (with the option to extend by a further 24 months).

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In accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the PCRs 2015, the services covered by the arrangement may change and expand as the Service develops.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by a further 24 months as per details in the notice above.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

In accordance with best practice, the Authority will apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period, from the publication date of this notice, before the contract is concluded with the identified provider.

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:

HWE ICB have decided that the best solution to ensure that Patients across Hertfordshire and West Essex benefit from this is to ensure the service compliments other complex primary care GP provision / Palliative and End of Life care provision within the ICS and is to contract with Stellar Healthcare, who are best placed and most technically capable to successfully deliver this service at pace.

As such the ICB propose to award a contract to Stellar Healthcare for the provision of Care for 'complex neurological and neuroprogressive conditions' commencing 1st September 2023 for 36 months (with the option to extend by a further 24 months).

The Authority has made this decision for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the Authority and can confirm that the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation could not be complied with before Contract Start Date. This is to ensure that patient service continuity is maintained and to ensure that patients are not without a service from 01/09/2023, onwards.

In accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the PCRs 2015, the services covered by the arrangement may change and expand as the Service develops.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Stellar Healthcare Limited

Florence Nightingale Health Centre, Church Langley Way

Harlow

CM17 9TG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH35 - West Essex

Internet address

<https://stellarhealthcare.org.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,700,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

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