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## **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](mailto: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

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**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**

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of HWE ICB's 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 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).

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.

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.

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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:

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 Steller 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

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## 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

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## **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

AL8 6JL

Country

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Internet address

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



