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Contract

## **Tier 1 Ophthalmology Services**

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f661

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

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

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

County Hall, Fishergate Hill

Preston

PR1 8XB

#### **Email**

[mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net](mailto:mlcsu.tendersnorth@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QE1

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk](http://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.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**

Tier 1 Ophthalmology Services

Reference number

WHISP-130

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Tier 1 Ophthalmology Services for the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

**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: £16,305,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Various sites within the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB footprint

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

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU is working on behalf of NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB for the contract award of a Tier 1 Ophthalmology Service.

Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB was commissioning a range of primary eye care services via a range of different providers which is delivered in all areas. These services were established through individual contracts between existing providers and the former CCGs. West Lancashire currently do not have a Tier 1 Ophthalmology service commissioned within their geography so this will be an additional provision.

A standardised model of Tier 1 ophthalmology provision has been designed in collaboration with clinical colleagues across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The aim is to take lessons learnt from the most successful models and work in alignment with national programmes to optimise our service provision, by regulating eyecare across Lancashire and South Cumbria, reducing health inequalities and increasing care provision and access.

The model will improve integration through collaborative partnerships between primary care optical practices and Hospital Eye Services. The aim is to provide safe, effective pathways of care with improved patient flow, via evidence-based pathways. This will improve access for patient care, deliver care closer to home and overall provide an excellent patient experience whilst delivering a cost-effective service.

As part of the procurement process, the authority has identified one provider to deliver a Tier 1 Ophthalmology Service across the whole Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB.

The contract will be for 3 years starting from 1 October 2024 with a possible 2-year extension. The estimated contract value per annum is £3,261,000.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 37.5

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Governance / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: Workforce / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: Information Technology / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Information Governance / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Equalities / Weighting: 4

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 15

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

This is an initial 3-year contract with the option to extend for a further 2-year period.

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-024827](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 May 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 2

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

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

Primary Eyecare Services Ltd

Waulk Mill (2.2) 51 Bengal Street,

Manchester

M4 6LN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

Companies House

06722353

Internet address

[www.primaryeyecare.co.uk](http://www.primaryeyecare.co.uk)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £16,305,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,305,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

This contract is for clinical services which are light touch regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ('Regulations'). Accordingly, the contracting authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the regulations.

Right to Cancel: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts. This is not a call for tenders and the Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any tender received and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for tenders should as consider necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency: The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received during this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the

Contracting Authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act.

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

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

NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB

County Hall, Fishergate Hill

Preston

PR1 8XB

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