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Contract

## Low Vision Services

Somerset Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04852e

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

Somerset Integrated Care Board

Yeovil

#### Contact

Donna Harrington

#### Email

[donnaharrington@nhs.net](mailto:donnaharrington@nhs.net)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

## **NHS Organisation Data Service**

11X

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nhssomerset.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**

Low Vision Services

Reference number

WA17066

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85160000 - Optician services

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

Services

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

The Low Vision Service is a habilitative and rehabilitative pathway offering a specified range of services with the overall objective of enabling people with sight loss, especially the newly diagnosed, to make maximum and best use of their remaining eyesight and vision to patients across Somerset.

It provides a seamless service to people with a visual impairment, linking Ophthalmology Outpatients, GP Services, Low Vision Services, Care Management and Rehabilitation Services.

The aim is to offer a cost effective service, allowing people to access primary care services closer to home, and therefore help reduce inequalities.

#### **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: £152,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

NHS Somerset ICB are intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C. The Low Vision Service is a habilitative and rehabilitative pathway offering a specified range of services with the overall objective of enabling people with sight loss, especially the newly diagnosed, to make maximum and best use of their remaining eyesight and vision to patients across Somerset.

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The aim is to offer a cost effective service, allowing people to access primary care services closer to home, and therefore help reduce inequalities.

The contract value will be £152,000 approximately for 23 months.

The contract will run from the 1st August 2024 until 30 June 2026.

This notice has been published by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 80%

Price - Weighting: 20%

### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 7th August 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

#### 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

12 June 2024

#### 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**

Somerset Sight Limited

Northfield House 51 Staplegrove Road

Taunton

TA1 1DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

Companies House

08432686

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: £152,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £152,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Commissioner made the decision of directly awarding the incumbent

Provider Somerset Sight in accordance with the following five criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023:

- Quality and innovation

- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

The authority is assured that the current provider is delivering this service and outcomes to a satisfactory level and meeting the needs of the Somerset Population and provides support to those who are registered blind or partially sighted. The provider has demonstrated their ability to meet the growing demand for these services and therefore reducing pressures in other parts of the system and actively reducing health inequalities.

A direct award to Somerset Sight would be appropriate and present the best value for the Commissioner in this circumstance.

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The decision was approved in line with Somerset Integrated Care Board's Scheme of Reservation and Delegation by the Primary Care Operational Board and Finance Committee. There were no conflicts of interest identified among committee members.

Written Representation can be sent to: [somicb.generalpractice@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.generalpractice@nhs.net)

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

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

Somerset Integrated Care Board

Yeovil

Country

United Kingdom

