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Contract

## **Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) for the Provision of Community Audiology Services**

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-024479

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

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

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Study Centre, New County Offices, Walton St

Aylesbury

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#### **Contact**

Mark Stanbrook (SCW)

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Jubilee House, 5510 John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Cowley

Oxford

OX4 2LH

**Contact**

Mark Stanbrook (SCW)

**Email**

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu.aspx/Home>

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

The contract involves joint procurement

## **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**

Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group - Any Qualified Provider (AQP) for the Provision of Community Audiology Services

Reference number

WA9248

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group ("CCG") and NHS Oxfordshire CCG sought to commission Community Audiology Services via an Any Qualified Provider

("AQP") process.

The contract length will be for an initial 5 years, with potential to extend for up to a further 2 years.

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

#### **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: £39,200,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85121240 - ENT or audiologist services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

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

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group ("CCG") and NHS Oxfordshire CCG sought to commission Community Audiology Services via an Any Qualified Provider ("AQP") process.

The aim is to provide a comprehensive and seamless service for adults experiencing hearing and communication difficulties where they might benefit from hearing assessment and rehabilitation including the option of trying hearing aids with aftercare and support.

The vision for people with hearing problems is for them to receive high quality, efficient services aligned to their social and psychological needs, delivered closer to home, with short waiting times and high responsiveness to the needs of local communities, free at the point of access.

The broad outcomes required of the service are specified below:

- Increased choice and control as to where and when their treatment is delivered

- Personalised care;
- Timely access
- Benefits from chosen interventions.
- Reduction in communication difficulties due to poor hearing;
- Timely direct referral or signposting to other local;
- Direct onward referral to secondary care as appropriate
- Clear guidance and information for patients and their families
- Choice of hearing intervention;
- High levels of satisfaction when accessing the service;

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

Quality criterion - Name: AQP process / Weighting: 0

Cost criterion - Name: AQP process / Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes an option for extension.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

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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: [2021/S 000-001091](#)

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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**

13 August 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

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

Audiological Science Ltd

5 Hoop Lane

London

NW11 8JR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £0.01

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

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Trust Offices, Amersham Hospital, Whielden Street, Amersham HP7 0JD

Amersham

HP7 0JD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Outside Clinic

Old Town Court, 10-14 High Street, Old Town, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 3EP

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

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Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Finance Directorate, Level 1, Princes House, London Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 5UZ

Reading

RG1 5UZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Scrivens Ltd

Scrivens House, 60 Islington Row Middleway, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 1PH

Birmingham

B15 1PH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Cirrus House, 10 Experian Way, Nottingham, NG2 1EP

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The services are healthcare services falling within Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which are not subject to the full regime of the Regulations, but is instead governed by the "Light Touch Regime" contained within Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Regulations (Regulations 74 to 77).

The tendering process has been conducted in accordance with the requirements and flexibilities provided by Articles 74 to 76 of the Directive, and Regulations 74 to 76 of the

Regulations. The Authority ran a transparent tender process, treating all Bidders equally. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority will not be bound by the Regulations or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or any other regulations or legislation except for the specific parts or circumstances that apply to the procurement of these Services.

Neither the inclusion of a selection stage, nor the use of any language or terms found in the Directive or Regulations, nor the description of the procedure voluntarily adopted by the Authority ("Open", "Restricted", "Competitive Procedure with Negotiation", "Competitive Dialogue" or any other description), nor any other indication, shall be taken to mean that the Authority intends to hold itself bound by the Directive or Regulations, save by the provisions applicable to services coming within the scope of Annex XIV of the Directive / Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The Contracting Authority has voluntarily observed the award decision notices provisions and held a 10 day standstill period as described in Regulation 86 of the Regulations. Deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the Regulations.

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

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

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Study Centre, New County Offices, Walton St

Aylesbury

HP20 1UX

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk)

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As described in VI.3, deadline for lodging of appeals should be in accordance with Regulation 87 and Regulation 91 of the 2015 Regulations.

