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## **Tier 1 Ophthalmology Services for the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB**

STAFFORDSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT  
NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

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

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

STAFFORDSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT

Heron House

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#### **Contact**

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD4 - Lancashire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

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**Email**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

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UKD - North West (England)

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<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/>

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

The contract involves joint procurement

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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### **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 for the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

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.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £16,305,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **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 procurement of a Tier 1 Ophthalmology Service.

Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB currently commission 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 this procurement process, the authority is intending to identify 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 April 2024 with a possible 2-year extension.

The estimated contract value per annum is £3,261,000. It is estimated that there will be 1% growth year on year.

The ICB has set an affordability threshold for the Procurement and reserves the right not to consider Bids that are unaffordable and above the affordability envelope of the project, or in the absence of an affordability envelope, the Find a Tender Service (FTS) notice value.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £16,305,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.14) 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.

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 1 April 2024

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

1:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

Preston

Country

United Kingdom