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## **Community Ophthalmology Service for NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board**

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F02: Contract notice

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**14 October 2022, 5:00pm**

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

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

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

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Worcester

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Buyer's address

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

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**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://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

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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**

Community Ophthalmology Service for NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

Reference number

HW - 22 - 01

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This is a Contract Notice to inform potential bidding organisations that NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board is seeking bids from provider organisations capable of providing a Consultant-Led Community Ophthalmology Service in Worcestershire. The proposed contract duration is 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12-month period subject to mutual agreement. The proposed contract commencement date is 1st April 2023. Please note that the value shown in II.1.5 below is an indicative budget for the service for the total contract period which includes the optional extension period. Payments will be in accordance with local tariffs for the Consultant-Led Community Ophthalmology service provision.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,598,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Main site or place of performance

The county of Worcestershire, UK.

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

The overall aim will be to provide a safe, flexible and efficient community-based Ophthalmology Service for patients aged 16 years and over who are registered with a GP Practice within the County of Worcestershire, UK. For clarity, other commissioned service arrangements are in place for people who are registered with a GP Practice within the County of Herefordshire, ensuring that the local health population is appropriately managed.

The proposed service is expected to operate a specialist-led model offering triage and treatment of Ophthalmology conditions that do not require treatment under the General Optometry Service criteria for Optometrists nor specialist intervention under the Hospital Eye Service. The service will also be required to accept and manage patients with stable ocular hypertension (glaucoma) following HES diagnosis and treatment, with pathways for escalation as required. Patients are expected to be referred into the service from health professionals, typically the patient's own GP, Optometrist or a secondary care consultant, where it is considered appropriate for those patients to be managed in the community. A senior clinician (MRC Ophth (part 3) and FRC Ophth (fellowship assessment) CCST) is expected to have overall responsibility for the clinical oversight of this proposed service at all times.

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board intends to award one contract, and the proposed procurement process will fall under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 Light Touch Regime (LTR).

“Light Touch Regime” services: This service is classified as clinical which comes under the Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (“Regulations”). The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations. As the CCG is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement. 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 in the course of this service under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency. This service may be 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 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirementsguidance>”

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

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 30.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Governance / Weighting: 30.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Workforce / Weighting: 15.00%

Quality criterion - Name: IM&T / Weighting: 5.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Information Governance / Weighting: 5.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Equalities / Weighting: 5.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10.00%

Price - Weighting: 0.00%

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

Duration in months

24

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.2.13) 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**

The contract duration is 12-months with an optional 12-months extension. Please note that there is no Award Criteria based upon Price. Payments for activity will be in accordance with the local tariffs for Consultant-Led Community Ophthalmology service provision. As part of the procurement process, Bidders will be required to confirm acceptance of the stated local tariffs.

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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**

Originally published as:

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6 October 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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Date

14 October 2022

Local time

5:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

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

Date

6 October 2022

Local time

5:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Midlands and Lancashire CSU are conducting this procurement exercise as a central purchasing body for another NHS body with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into contracts for the supply of the services.

The contract conditions will be set out in the Invitation to Tender. Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the course of the tender process.

This exercise will be conducted on the Midlands and Lancashire CSU portal at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

(i) Candidates should register on the portal at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge). If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to reregister;

(ii) Once registered, candidates must submit your reply on the website and by email by the deadline stated. Search for Project 831 / ITT 953. For technical support in submitting your expression of interest contact the Bravo Solution Helpdesk on +44800 069 8630 or E-mail: [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk).

Light Touch Regime' services: This procurement is for 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 authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations. The procedure which the contracting authorities are following is set out in the ITT. As the ICB is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

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

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

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

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