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Contract

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Dorset to NHS England South West

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 8UG

Contact

Evan Williams

Email

Scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Dorset to NHS England South West

Reference number

C267144

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England as lead commissioner and the Dorset Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Dorset Police Force as co-commissioners, are recommissioning Dorset Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) services.

The Commissioner intends to contract for the Services using the National NHS Standard Contract. The contract term will be for a duration of 7 years and will commence from 6th January 2025. The total contract value is £6,264,561 over the seven years.

This notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

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: £6,264,561

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England as lead commissioner and the Dorset Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Dorset Police Force as co-commissioners, are recommissioning Dorset Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) services.

Dorset SARC services aim to increase equity of access and ensure a consistent and high standard of quality care to victims of sexual assault. The service will be delivered in line with current national standards, regulations and governance and be designed to meet the needs of the local population.

The services within scope include core SARC provision, SARC management, the provision of medical and forensic examinations (both acute and non-recent), crisis support and onward referral services for people who have experienced sexual assault. It should be noted that non-recent cases for children aged 12 years and under are out of scope of the SARC contract and will not be undertaken at the (accredited) SARC site.

The Provider will ensure that services are delivered in an age-appropriate way for children and adults; all staff must meet the skills and competences commensurate with their role.

Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services and therapeutic provision including counselling and talking therapies will be out of scope. However, the new SARC provider will work closely with these services and ensure service users are referred to onward provision as appropriate.

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This is an existing service being awarded to a new provider.

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

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The contract award criteria include the 5 key criteria under PSR (Quality & Innovation; Value; Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability; Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice and Social Value) / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 2%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-013159](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Dorset to NHS England South West

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 August 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

Partnering Health Limited

Onyx 12 Little Park Farm Road Segensworth West

Fareham

PO15 5TD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Companies House

06563486

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £6,264,561

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,264,561

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The decision to award this contract in line with the Competitive Process was based on evaluation against the basic selection criteria (in the form of a Selection Questionnaire), which was assessed on a pass/fail basis, and the 5 key criteria, which were assessed on a 0-4 scale, with the below weightings.

Several tender questions were asked under each of the key criteria.

- Quality and Innovation: 52%
- Value: 10%
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability: 15%
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice: 10%

- Social Value: 13%

The provider selected for award has been chosen as they were the highest scoring bidder overall, against the key criteria.

The evaluation panel consisted of representatives from NHS England (Health & Justice Commissioners, Contracts, Quality and Safeguarding, and Information Governance), Dorset OPFC, Dorset Police, a Clinical Lead and Service User.

Award decisions have been recommended by the NHS England Health & Justice Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy Commissioner. Award decisions have been made by the NHS England South West System Oversight & Co-ordination Leadership Team, with key decision makers being

Managing Director - System Commissioning Development, Director of Commissioning Finance, Director of Collaborative Commissioning.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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 midnight on Thursday 29th August 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

Written representations should be sent to scwcsu.procurement@nhs.net

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England

London

Country

United Kingdom