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Contract

MR-guided Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy (MRgLITT) for treatment of epileptogenic zones for Adults with refractory focal epilepsy

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

7-8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

Email

jessica.gaucher-thompson@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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**

MR-guided Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy (MRgLITT) for treatment of epileptogenic zones for Adults with refractory focal epilepsy

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England Specialised Commissioning (referred to as the Commissioner), invited suitably qualified and experienced providers to bid for an opportunity to provide MR-guided Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy (MRgLITT) for treatment of epileptogenic zones for adults with refractory focal epilepsy (Lot 1: North & Lot 2: South). As a result of this procurement exercise the Commissioner has awarded contracts for these services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,153,100

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

A. Lot 1- North

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

MRgLITT, also known as 'laser interstitial thermal therapy' (LITT), is a minimally invasive treatment which can be used in focal refractory epilepsy. Stereotactic neurosurgical technique is used to guide a 3mm diameter fibreoptic laser to the target area of the brain. Under continuous MRI monitoring, laser energy is applied to the target area to destroy the part of the brain causing seizure activity. It is safer than open neurosurgery as there is less risk of collateral damage to other structures in the brain. Open surgery causes damage along the operative pathway to access the part to be removed, which is mitigated by this minimally invasive approach.

The service will commence on 1st September 2024 and will run for a duration of 5 years (initial period). The Commissioner has the option to extend for up to a further 2 years making a possible maximum contract duration of 7 years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality (Service Delivery / Technical) / Weighting: 90%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: 0%

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

B. Lot 2 - South

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

MRgLITT, also known as 'laser interstitial thermal therapy' (LITT), is a minimally invasive treatment which can be used in focal refractory epilepsy. Stereotactic neurosurgical technique is used to guide a 3mm diameter fibreoptic laser to the target area of the brain. Under continuous MRI monitoring, laser energy is applied to the target area to destroy the part of the brain causing seizure activity. It is safer than open neurosurgery as there is less risk of collateral damage to other structures in the brain. Open surgery causes damage along the operative pathway to access the part to be removed, which is mitigated by this minimally invasive approach.

The service commenced on 23rd July 2024 and will run for a duration of 5 years (initial period). The Commissioner has the option to extend for up to a further 2 years making a possible maximum contract duration of 7 years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality (Service Delivery / Technical) / Weighting: 90%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: 0%

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

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: [2023/S 000-023997](#)

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

17 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Liverpool

L9 7LJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

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: £1,033,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,033,500

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

15 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

London

SE5 9RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

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: £1,119,600

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,119,600

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Link to Clinical Commissioning Policy:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2006-Clinical-commissioning-policy-MR-guided-laser-interstitial-thermal-therapy-for-treatment-of-epileptogenic.pdf>

The procurement was advertised and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the “Regulations”) to the extent that the Regulations relate to services within the scope of Schedule 3 thereto (Social and Other Specific Services). The Commissioner and AGCSU are, therefore, bound only by those parts of the Regulations applying to Schedule 3 services.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>