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Contract

Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan)

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-027936

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04973b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

NHS Organisation Data Service

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/asp/Home>

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

Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan)

Reference number

WSCCG - 00000111

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice to inform the market of the intention to award a contract for NHS Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan) for North East Essex, Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk localities.

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: £2,381,840

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk
- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Main site or place of performance

Ipswich and East Suffolk, West Suffolk and North East Essex localities

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Paragraph 10 - The Most Suitable Provider Process has been used to procure this service.

This is a notice to inform the market of the intention to award a contract for NHS Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan) for North East Essex, Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk localities to GP Primary Choice Ltd. This is a new contract for an existing service to be delivered by an existing provider of this service.

The Targeted Lung Health Check (TLHC) programme commenced in 2019 as part of the NHS Long Term Plan (Jan 2019). The primary aim of the programme is to deliver Lung Health Checks to populations with the highest risk of developing lung cancer in order to identify lung cancer at an earlier stage.

The initial phases of the TLHC programme have targeted populations where there are high levels of smoking, deprivation, and poor lung cancer outcomes. In practice this aligns with the Core 20 populations. Checks are offered to patients aged 55-74 who are current or ex-smokers. At the check their risk of Lung cancer is assessed and patients who are at high risk of Lung Cancer are offered a Low Dose CT scan. For clarity the provision of the Low Dose CT scan does not form part of this opportunity.

GP Primary Choice are currently delivering the service well and the benefits of retaining the existing provider are considerable. GP Primary Choice may also work with Suffolk GP Federation within Suffolk. The benefits include, but are not limited to, existing provision, strong existing relationships with GPs which are difficult to replicate, sustainable providers, access to SystmOne and working knowledge of the localities and the systems supporting the populations.

The contract will be awarded with an initial contract term of 2 years and 6 months (30 months) and a potential extension period of up to 2 years (24 months), maximum term of 54 months (the "Proposed Contract"). The total aggregated value of contract will be approximately £2,381,840. An annual value is not possible for this contract due to the need to roll out the testing and ramp up delivery. The contract value will be subject to annual inflation/deflation at national NHS rates as prescribed in NHS Payment Scheme guidance.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria. /

Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded with an initial contract term of 2 years and 6 months (30 months) and a potential extension period of up to 2 years (24 months), maximum term of 54 months (the "Proposed Contract").

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intended approach 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.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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 decision makers by midnight 12th September 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Lung Health Checks (exc. CT Scan)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 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

GP PRIMARY CHOICE LIMITED

8 The Courtyard Wyncolls Road, Severalls Industrial Park,

Colchester

CO4 9PE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Companies House

08486936

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,381,840

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 12th September 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

An F01: Prior information notice was published 9 July 2024, 4:53pm - Notice reference: 2024/S 000-020968

Award decision-makers - NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Executive Committee - No conflicts of interest were declared.

As described in the Provider Selection Regime statutory guidance the Most Suitable Provider process is undertaken when the ICB believes it is able to identify the most suitable provider without undertaking a competitive exercise.

The process is designed to allow the ICB to make an assessment on which provider is most suitable to deliver the proposed contracting arrangements based on a consideration of the key criteria, the basic selection criteria and taking into account all relevant information available to it at the time, which included knowledge of the existing provision, benchmarking data, risks of change and the costs and benefits of existing and potential arrangements.

The numerical assessment of whether a provider can deliver a comparable service is only one part of the evaluation process and the ICB reviewed this in conjunction with benchmarking data, market intelligence, the wider system impacts and the impact upon existing and future service users and staff (including those working for subcontracted partner organisations).

The Oversight Group believed that the service currently delivered and planned by GP Primary Choice Ltd was at least comparable to other offers within the market and that other offers would not generate additional benefit, therefore negating the risks which are likely, in the opinion of the oversight group, to be experienced by the North east Essex, Ipswich and east Suffolk and west Suffolk populations were a change of provider to occur. It was felt by the project group that other offers available within the wider market would not offer enough potential benefits to outweigh the potential risks and costs associated with moving the service away from GP Primary Choice Ltd.

The ICB retains the belief that GP Primary Choice Ltd is the most suitable provider for this

service within the North east Essex, Ipswich and east Suffolk and west Suffolk.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board

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