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Award

Electronic Patient Record System Contract Term

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Other activity

Body governed by public law - Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Electronic Patient Record System Contract Term

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Contracting Authority is not awarding a new contract. This VEAT notice is in respect of a proposed, interim, short term extension to the term of its current contract with Dedalus for the provision of an electronic patient record system, as a consequence of the unexpected failure of a re-procurement exercise for replacement services and subsequent

strategic changes within the NHS. See sections II.2.4 for further details.

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: £6,470,998.50

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48180000 - Medical software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is not a contract opportunity for new services, but rather a formal notification, via this VEAT notice, that the Contracting Authority intends to extend the term of its existing contract with Dedalus for the provision of an electronic patient records (EPR) system for a short period to allow the Contracting Authority time to participate, subject to VI.3(ii), in a second attempt at a joint procurement and implementation of a Shared Electronic Patient Record across the hospitals of the South Cumbria and Lancashire Provider Collaborative Board. This extension has become necessary following the unexpected failure of an earlier joint re-procurement exercise for replacement services (which had been anticipated the Contracting Authority to have been completed prior to the expiry of the existing contract with Dedalus), as well as strategic changes in the NHS.

Notwithstanding the application or otherwise of Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations, the Contracting Authority has no option but to extend the existing contract with Dedalus. Having given this matter its most careful consideration, it believes the extension period described below to be the shortest period reasonably possible, to permit successful completion of the future re-procurement (having regard to the scope and complexity of the proposed replacement services) and the multiple Contracting Authority participants which will be involved in that process.

The term of the existing Dedalus contract will be extended by an initial period of 3 years from 8 July 2025 up to 7 July 2028. The Contracting Authority will also have optional rights to extend the Term beyond 7 July 2028 by a period or periods of 6 months or more, as a contingency measure (to mitigate the risk of a gap in services should any short term delay in implementation of the replacement services arise). The maximum,

potential term of the Call-Off Contract will, therefore, expire no later than midnight on 7 July 2030.

Any organisation which (i) reasonably believes it may qualify to participate in and (ii) is interested in participating in the second re-procurement exercise, may contact the Contracting Authority for information about its planned future Pre-Market Engagement for the second re-procurement exercise, in accordance with Section II.2.14 below.

The Contracting Authority currently envisages that the second re-procurement will be conducted through a call-off process using the LPP CDHS Framework agreement (but reserves the right to use any procurement process it may later determine to be the most suitable for its purposes, including open market procurement).

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 existing contract with Dedalus was originally awarded to Computer Science Corporation (CSC) in July 2016 following a competitive award process. CSC later became DXC Technology and Dedalus acquired the healthcare IT business of DXC Technology (including the contract) in 2021.

The first (unsuccessful) joint re-procurement exercise for the Shared Electronic Patient Record (referred to in Section II.2.4 above) was commenced in February 2023. However, the Trusts determined that no preferred bidder was able to be selected by them and, according, the procurement was abandoned in February 2024.

Following a period of reflection and an intervening change in strategy, a new "One LSC" central shared service was established (hosted by East Lancashire Hospitals Trust on behalf of the Provider Collaborative Board) and, as the Contracting Authority has committed to a system strategy of clinical system convergence, the entire digital team of the Contracting Authority were TUPE-transferred to "One LSC", in November 2024. .

The above activities and period of transitional change have militated against the Contracting Authority being able to begin a second competitive procurement to date. However, the launch of a Pre-Market Engagement exercise for a Shared EPR is now anticipated in July 2025. To participate in the Pre-Market Engagement exercise, organisations may contact the Contracting Authority for updates regarding the date(s), venue and process regarding the same, when that information becomes available.

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 May 2025

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £6,470,998.50

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note this is a Voluntary Transparency Notice and this contract variation has not been signed yet. Subject to (i) the Contracting Authority receiving no notice on or before 23rd June of any intention to legally challenge the award process; and (ii) the Contracting Authority and Dedalus receive all necessary internal and external approvals, the Contracting Authority aims to execute the contract variation following 23rd June 2025.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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