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Contract

British Red Cross Oncology Voluntary Car Service

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-028331

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-052888

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board

Wynford House, Lufton Way

Yeovil

BA22 8HR

Email

somicb.contracts-admin@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

NHS Organisation Data Service

11X

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

www.nhssomerset.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

British Red Cross Oncology Voluntary Car Service

Reference number

QSL-8J213-2025-26

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The service provides a dedicated voluntary car driver service for eligible Service Users (and their Escorts) accessing oncology services for courses of chemotherapy or radiotherapy combined with other cancer treatments. The service operates between 8am and 8pm, supporting patients traveling to Musgrove Beacon Centre and Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre

The service plays a vital role in ensuring patients can access essential treatment.

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: £418,850

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board ("the ICB") intends to award a contract to an existing provider, British Red Cross, following a Provider Selection Regime Direct Award Process C in accordance with the criteria outlined in Regulation (9) of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 whilst a competitive process is undertaken.

The service provides a dedicated voluntary car driver service for eligible Service Users (and their Escorts) accessing oncology services for courses of chemotherapy or radiotherapy combined with other cancer treatments.

Scope of Services

A voluntary car service to transport eligible service users to their oncology related healthcare appointments. The service:

- Provides and manages volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles or one provided by the organisation.
- Operates between 8am and 8pm, supporting service users traveling to Musgrove Beacon Centre and Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre
- Provides support for service users and carers, this may include signposting to other relevant services including those provided by British Red Cross.

To prevent disruption to vital services, the ICB has taken the decision to directly award a 1 year with a possible extension of up to a further year to support continuity of service to The British Red Cross Society.

The estimated contract value is £209,425 per annum and will initially cover the period from 1st April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

For any number of periods up to a further 12 months.

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 the relevant authority by 11/06/25. 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 May 2025

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

The British Red Cross Society

44 Moorfields

London

EC2Y 9AL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

220949

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: £418,850

Total value of the contract/lot: £418,850

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

- The decision to direct award the contract was made by the Contract Oversight Group and ratified by the Finance Committee.
- No Conflicts of Interest noted
- The British Red Cross Society is delivering a good cost effective service in line with service specification and key criteria.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board

Yeovil

Country

United Kingdom