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Contract

## **Content Evidence Checks**

NHS Digital

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034312

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Digital

7 & 8 Wellington Place

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LS1 4AP

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Content Evidence Checks

Reference number

C102765

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72330000 - Content or data standardization and classification services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The content has been created using the best available evidence and is presented in a balanced manner so that users can understand and act on it. As a minimum each piece of content is reviewed at least once every 3 years to ensure it is clinically and factually accurate based on the latest clinical guidance.

For the last 18 months our content team has been focussed on delivering COVID-19-related products and services, which has created a backlog of reviews. This has meant we have not been achieving the 3-year review deadline for some topics.

#### **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: £400,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Leeds and London (UK)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The NHS website includes thousands of articles on symptoms, conditions and treatments as well as hundreds of articles on healthy living. It aims to help people make good choices about their health and use of NHS health and care services.

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We recruited a supplier earlier this year to pilot a process where they would check the information presented is clinically accurate based on the latest evidence (the evidence check). This pilot is now complete and we would like to move on to the next phase of the project.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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

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## **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: [2022/S 000-015468](#)

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## **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**

14 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Economist Group

?20 Cabot Square London

London

E14 4QW

Telephone

+44 2075768200

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

02642807

Internet address

<https://impact.economist.com/>

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: £400,000

Lowest offer: £400,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[InternationalRelationsJudicialOffice@judiciary.uk](mailto:InternationalRelationsJudicialOffice@judiciary.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS Digital

7 & 8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

NHS Digital

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