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Contract

Childhood Vision Screening

Somerset Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-052b05

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.somerset.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Childhood Vision Screening

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121281 - Ophthalmologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Childhood Vision Screening service.

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: £354,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121281 - Ophthalmologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Local Authorities are responsible for the delivery of Childhood Vision Screening services. Childhood Vision Screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme (0-19 years), this programme aims to improve and promote health for all children and young people and includes mandated responsibilities. Delivery of Childhood Vision Screening meets the criteria laid down by the National Screening Committee (2023), which recommends that all children should be screened for visual impairment between four and five years of age.

Somerset Council is intending to Direct Award a contract for these services following Direct Award Process C of the Provider Selection Regime regulations.

Lifetime value: £354,000

Contract length: 3 years (01.07.2025 - 30.06.2028)

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: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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/ PA 2023 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 midnight at the end of the 12th June 2025. 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: Yes

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

21 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Yeovil District Hospital

Yeovil

BA21 4AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

NHS Organisation Data Service

110100

Internet address

www.somersetft.nhs.uk

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: £354,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £354,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Any representations should be sent to: stephen.barker@somerset.gov.uk

Award decision makers:

Patsy Temple, Consultant in Public Health (Strategic Manager)

Nicola Crocker, Health Improvement Manager - Tobacco, Food and Physical Activity

Harriet Gliddon, Public Health Registrar

No declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were identified.

Key criteria:

Social Value, 10% - this is the Somerset Council standard weighting

Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice, 50% - this was identified as the most important criteria

Value, Pass/ fail - there was a fixed budget which the provider had to accept

Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability, 30% - mid level percentage assigned to this criteria as the sustainability aspect is partially covered in Social Value

Quality and innovation, 20% - whilst quality is important, as this is a short term contract, innovation requires a lower percentage than the other key criteria

The chosen provider scored highly in all criteria and was therefore selected to provide the service.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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London

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publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>