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Award

Mid and South Essex Breathlessness and Diagnostic Hubs

NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02fdb7

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://middlessexccg.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

Mid and South Essex Breathlessness and Diagnostic Hubs

Reference number

ACE-0523-2021-ALC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of the Authority's intention to award a contract to deliver Breathlessness and Diagnostic Hubs, covering the population of Mid & South Essex ("the Service"). Herein all references to the Authority mean NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS Basildon & Brentwood CCG, NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG, NHS Southend CCG and NHS Thurrock CCG.

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: £990,138

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The initial contract term being awarded is 5 months only, from 1st December 2021 - 31st March 2022, at an aggregate value of £412,558. This does not exceed the procurement threshold for light touch services, and an associated Contract Award Notice will be published in Contracts Finder, accordingly. However, the Authority has an intention to put forward a business case to extend this model of care beyond the 5 month period and as such, is publishing this VEAT to clearly indicate to the market an intention to award a contract for a period of up to a total of 12 months, from 1st December 2021 – 30th November 2022. The aggregate contract value is forecasted at £990,138, over the 12 month term.

The objectives and benefits of this service will be to:

- To reduce the number of unplanned admissions for Respiratory disease, particularly short-stay admissions.
- To improve the ability of patients to self-manage and support them to do so when they exacerbate, ensuring they access the most appropriate services in a timely and safe manner.
- To ensure patients are managed holistically, linking into local services for their other healthcare needs

E.g. Falls, Swallowing and Continence problems.

- To ensure that GP's and practice nurses have the right training and specialist support to manage all COPD and Asthma patients in line with national guidance without undue referrals to secondary care.
- To support early discharge of patients with COPD through remote monitoring of the

patient within their own home.

The service will ensure that the following core criteria are met as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan:

- To build on the existing NHS RightCare programme to reduce variation in the quality of spirometry testing across Mid and South Essex. More staff in the community will be trained and accredited to provide the specialist input required to interpret results.
- The service must ensure equity of access. Consideration must be given to groups most likely to be impacted by health inequalities and how they access and utilise healthcare services to ensure that no one is discouraged or unable to benefit.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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 Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Oversight of the programme delivery will be through a multi-agency stewardship comprised of commissioners, providers and clinicians, collaboratively working towards a wider ICS system. The Authority wish to work in an integrated way with existing provider of community services to build upon existing clinical expertise and services across Mid and South Essex, to meet the current demands of respiratory and COPD patients.

It is critical that these services are established at pace due to the increasing pressures within the Mid and South Essex health system. The Authority has made the decision that working with the existing community services provider in Mid and South Essex will be the best solution as it is uniquely placed and technically capable to take on the scale and speed of implementation within timescales available to deliver an affordable and fully integrated Breathlessness and Diagnostic Hubs Service.

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/concession

Title

Mid & South Essex Breathlessness and Diagnostic Hubs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Provide Community Interest Company

Business Park 900 The Crescent

Highwoods, Colchester

CO4 9YQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £990,138

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authorities participating in the publication of this VEAT and the award of the contract communicated herein are:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Strand

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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