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Contract

Provision of Specialist HIV Consultant OnCall Advice Telephone Service

Kent Community Health N H S Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-030777

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04a321

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.kentcht.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

Provision of Specialist HIV Consultant OnCall Advice Telephone Service

Reference number

1536/34/C

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of out of hours HIV specialist medical advice and support to the HIV 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: £53,306

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of specialist medical advice out of hours provision for the care of patients with HIV.

Under the PSR Regime under Direct Award C. This is an emergency contract to ensure uninterrupted continuity of care for vulnerable high risk patients.

2 year term contract with a lifetime value of £53,306.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is an option to extend this contract by a further 24months + 12months to align to Head Contract.

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

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 7 October 2024. 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

Contract No

1536/34/C

Title

Provision of Specialist HIV Consultant OnCall Advice Telephone Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 September 2024

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

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road

Worthing

BN11 2DH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £53,306

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Representations should be sent via email to: carly.capon@nhs.net

Award decision makers are Head of Service.

There were no conflicts of interest.

East Sussex County Council and NHS England South East approached KCHFT to ask them to take over the Integrated Sexual Health Services and Level 3 Sexual Health Services that they commission in East Sussex from the incumbent provider, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. Two previous attempts by Commissioners to tender these services resulted in no applications/successful award. The request to take over these services is urgent and to take place at pace as the incumbent provider is due to cease provision on 30 September 2024.

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust has been providing the specialist on call service for some time and therefore processes and protocols are established. Where a patient is living with HIV there are significant risks if healthcare providers are unable to consult with an HIV specialist in regards to their care and treatment.

- This is an out of hours on call service only. During normal working hours, Monday to Friday this service will be provided by KCHFT under their commissioned contracts.
- Existing and established processes and protocols have been shared and agreed between Providers.
- Continuing with the same Provider for this small element of the Sexual Health Services provision ensures continuity of service and continuation of established protocols for patients, service users and healthcare providers

The specialist on call HIV service provided has been assessed to be of good value, providing a well established successful and effective service to date and continuation of

the service with the established service provider has been assessed to be the most appropriate course of action for the benefit of patients and service users in East Sussex.

The continuation of provision of this specialist on call HIV advice services an emergency situation which would have significant adverse impact on patient care if a speedy solution was not reached.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom