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Award

Enhanced Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040ec5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

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sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.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

Enhanced Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service

Reference number

ACE-0728-2023-HWE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice is to inform the market of NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Boards (HWE ICB) intention to award a short-term contract to its incumbent provider, Communitas Clinics Ltd, to continue providing an Enhanced Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service across South and West Hertfordshire.

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The extension period comes to an end on 3rd February 2024. The intended new contract will start on 4th February 2024 and will end on 31st March 2025. This new short-term

contract will enable time for full engagement and consultation on the services across the three 'places' within Hertfordshire and West Essex to fully review existing services with the aim of moving towards a more equitable ENT offer across the ICB.

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: £1,593,206

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service delivers an Enhanced Community Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service for patients with non-emergency ENT conditions across all four localities in South and West Herts place. This specialist community model is provided and led from a multi-disciplinary hub, enabling specialist assessment of patients in the community and quicker access to multi-disciplinary team assessment, diagnostics and treatments with a choice of an elective care provider, if required. It focusses on clearly defined clinical pathways, GP support, advice and guidance and education.

The value of the contract to date is estimated at £6,608,951 (excluding VAT). This is an estimate as the 2023/4 full year effect is not yet known.

The value of the intended new contract is £1,593,206 (excluding VAT).

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

In line with best practice, the Authority will apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period before conclusion of the contract. The 10-day standstill period will start the day after the publication date of this notice.

Therefore, the date of conclusion of contract within this notice is the date on which the approach was approved through internal governance.

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:

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board became a legal entity on 1st July 2022 in place of the three Clinical Commissioning Groups which previously covered the areas (West Essex CCG, East & North Herts CCG and Herts Valleys CCG). Since it was formed, NHS HWE ICB have been reviewing the services provided across its area.

This short-term contract will enable the ICB sufficient time to undertake full and robust engagement and consultation across the three 'places' within the ICB area to review existing services with the aim of moving towards a more equitable ENT offer across the ICB as historically, these services were commissioned separately by each of the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

This approach will allow continuity of services for the patient population and will ensure that a new service is developed which fully meets their needs going forward.

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

Enhanced Community Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 October 2023

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

Communitas Clinics Limited

83 Brigstock Road

Thornton Heath

CR7 7JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,593,206

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

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