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Contract

Support & Maintenance Contract for the Pharmacy Stock Control System JAC

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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BELFAST

BT97AB

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net>

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

Support & Maintenance Contract for the Pharmacy Stock Control System JAC

Reference number

DAC11418

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement of Support & Maintenance Contract for the Pharmacy Stock Control System JAC

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: £120,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust - Pharmacy

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of Support & Maintenance Contract for the Pharmacy Stock Control System JAC

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

- protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI) is currently rolling out the implementation of Encompass, an Electronic Health and Care Record (EHCR) that will underpin the service transformation and healthcare needs of the population of Northern Ireland. Encompass will replace multiple aging HSC Trust systems and numerous paper records and manual workflows and the EHCR will deliver significant core functionality across the acute, community and primary care Out of Hours sectors. The contract for the provision of the EHCR solution was awarded to Epic in May 2020. In order to facilitate transition to the Encompass solution as it is implemented it is necessary to extend existing arrangements as an interim measure.

This contract is required to cover the transitional period and a replacement in the short-term is not a reasonable alternative as it would require extensive ICT infrastructure, validation and integration work that would result in significant disruption and disproportionate technical difficulties that would impact on the Trust ability to provide a pharmacy service. The absence of competition is not a result of the artificial narrowing of the parameters of the procurement. No other reasonable alternative exists, this is a complex system that is critical to patient care and service delivery. Careflow Medicines Management Ltd are the sole supplier and have exclusive rights over the software, licences and updates for the system. The wider market was consulted as part of the Encompass procurement.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DAC11418

Title

Support & Maintenance Contract for the Pharmacy Stock Control System JAC

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2023

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

Careflow Medicines Management Ltd

1 Aurum Court, Sylvan Way, Southfields Business Park,

Basildon

SS15 6TH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Companies House

01473482

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: £120,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £120,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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