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Contract

## **Assisted Conception**

NHS STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a81e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT ICB

Stafford Education & Enterprise Park, Weston Road,

Stafford

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**Region code**

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QNC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Assisted Conception

Reference number

CMT-1207

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85111310 - In vitro fertilisation services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Assisted Conception is when a person or couple get pregnant (conceive) with the assistance of medical intervention (treatment). The Assisted Conception services include:

- In vitro fertilisation (IVF)
- IVF with intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)
- Intrauterine insemination (IUI)

The different treatments available can involve the use of donated eggs and sperm.

This is a zero-based contract based on activity and local prices. The contract expenditure for 2023/24 was £4,200.

This notice is for a Direct Award C PSR process to commence from the 11th of October 2024, the lifetime value of the contract to the value of c. £4,200. Under the test for considerable change this is within the permitted criteria (not exceeding £500,000 and 25%).

#### **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: £4,200

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The ICB is intending to award a contract to an existing provider following direct award process C, where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably.

The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £4,200

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided are: 11/10/2024 to 1/10/2025.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: the existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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 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 [Add date]. 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

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## **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**

3 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**

Circle Health Group Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

02164270

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: £4,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,200

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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Email address where written representations should be sent:

[governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:governance@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk)

Details of the award decision-makers: NHS SSOT ICB Finance and Planning Committee  
3rd of September 2024

Any declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision and how these were managed: The PCCD MDT and POG agreement and approval processes seek to identify any Conflicts of Interest and, if declared, these are documented and managed according to SSOT ICB policy. Persons with known or declared Conflicts of Interest would be excluded from the decision-making process. In this case, no conflicts were declared by any members of the ICB's Finance and Performance Committee.

Relative importance and rationale for the relative importance of the key criteria, and the rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria: The continuation of existing services will maintain existing capacity and reduced demand on primary and secondary care. The proposed contracting arrangements are not changing considerably from the existing contract. The ICB Quality & Finance teams undertook due diligence and details are held by the ICB.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom

