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Contract

## **CMT1217 - Community Minor & Urgent Eyecare Services (CUES)**

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a826

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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

#### **Email**

[paulo.sousa-cabral@nhs.net](mailto:paulo.sousa-cabral@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

#### **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

CMT1217 - Community Minor & Urgent Eyecare Services (CUES)

Reference number

CMT-1217

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85160000 - Optician services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Community Urgent Eyecare service enables people to access urgent and minor eyecare within primary care, utilising the established trained workforce and specialist equipment in optical practices. The service provides clinical triage, advice, assessment, treatment and follow-up by telephone or face to face appointments and facilitates urgent and emergency eye referrals where necessary

This is a cost and volume contract. The contract value based on indicative activity is circa £625,093.

This notice is for a Direct Award C PSR process to commence from the 24th of October 2024 to 30th September 2025 bringing the lifetime value of the contract to the value of circa £625,093.

The service to date has been available across the ICB except for East Staffordshire. To harmonise service access and provision, the service will now be delivered across the ICB footprint. In addition to this planned change, there has been a significant increase in activity against the indicative plan due to patient volume during 23/24. This is not within the change threshold, but Reg 6 (12) (b) applies - the considerable change threshold is not met where - the change between the existing and proposed contracting arrangements is in response to external factors beyond the control of the relevant authority and provider including, but not limited to, changes in patient or service user volume.

## **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: £625,093

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

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

Description of the services to be provided: The Community Urgent Eyecare service enables people to access urgent and minor eyecare within primary care, utilising the established trained workforce and specialist equipment in optical practices. The service provides clinical triage, advice, assessment, treatment and follow-up by telephone or face to face appointments and facilitates urgent and emergency eye referrals where necessary.

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 £625,093.

The dates between which the services are intended to be provided are: 24/10/2024 to 30/09/2025.

### **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 the 23rd of 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: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CMT-1217

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

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Primary Eyecare Services Ltd.

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

Companies House

06722353

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £625,093

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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October 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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 capacity and reduced demand on primary and secondary care. The service to date has been available across the ICB except for East Staffordshire. To harmonise service access and provision, the service will now be delivered across the ICB footprint. The ICB Quality & Finance teams undertook diligence and details checks recorded on the DMR Tracker held by the ICB.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB

Stafford

Country

United Kingdom