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## **PRJ-1336 Bexley Virtual Clinical Assessment Service (VCAS) - VEAT Notice**

NHS London Commercial Hub on behalf of NHS SEL ICB Bexley

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI5 - Outer London – East and North East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://londoncommercialhub.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.selondonics.org/icb/>

**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**

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Reference number

DN698090

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This VEAT is to inform the market of the ICB's intention to direct award a contract to Bexley Health and Neighbourhood Care (BHNC), the Bexley GP Federation.

The GP Federation will co-ordinate and roster GP cover and supporting administration to enable bookable telephone appointment slots available to NHS 111 call-handlers on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays for patients registered with one of Bexley's 21 GP practices.

#### **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: £260,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI51 - Bexley and Greenwich

Main site or place of performance

Bexley Borough

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

This VEAT is to inform the market of the ICB's intention to direct award a contract to Bexley Health and Neighbourhood Care (BHNC), the Bexley GP Federation.

The Virtual Clinical Assessment Service (VCAS) provides a GP consultation service outside of core surgery hours, delivered by local GPs who remotely assess, treat or triage patients by telephone following a referral from NHS 111 or (during specific and defined time periods, requested by the commissioner only), from GP practices.

The service will operate routinely between 9am and 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays and 10am to 2pm on Bank Holidays (at the discretion of the commissioner).

BHNC will co-ordinate and roster GP cover and supporting administration to enable bookable telephone appointment slots available to NHS 111 call-handlers on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays for patients registered with one of Bexley's 21 GP practices.

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for one year with the option to extend for a further one year.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

The rationale for the direct award to Bexley Health and Neighbourhood Care (BHNC) is based on the following service requirements/criteria:

- i. This is a list base service and the provider will require access to the patient's medical records and the full suite of clinical systems via EMIS Community, including all necessary Data Sharing Agreements.
- ii. In the interests of effective Care Navigation, it is essential for the provider to be knowledgeable of local care pathways and support provision.
- iii. There is minimal basis for price-based competition within the contract which is essentially rostering 1 x GP and 1 x admin support.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 November 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**

Bexley Health and Neighbourhood Care

Riverside Surgery 62 Battle Road

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DA8 1BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI6 - Outer London – South

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: £260,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS SEL ICB

London

Country

United Kingdom