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Contract

Planned Overnight Visit Service

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047c9c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NHS Organisation Data Service

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/snee-icb/aspx/Home>

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

Planned Overnight Visit Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of a Planned Overnight Visit Service providing palliative nursing care for patients who are in the end of life stage of their illness - provided by Registered Nurses and Senior Healthcare Assistants. Also includes supporting a phone advice service for families and carers.

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: £322,937

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Ipswich, East and West Suffolk.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a Planned Overnight Visit Service providing palliative nursing care for

patients who are in the end of life stage of their illness - provided by Registered Nurses and Senior Healthcare Assistants. Also includes supporting a phone advice service for families and carers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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Risks associated with the discontinuation of the service:

- Lack of night support for EOL patients resulting in increased hospital admissions.
- Family/carer burn out - leading to increased support required for the patient and emergency admissions.

- Increased spend in NHS Continuing Healthcare to commission night support where Marie Curie are unable to support.

The Authority is to retain the provision with the provider named in this notice to ensure the risks (list is not exhaustive) are prevented. The Authority is supporting this organisation through a grant arrangement.

The Authority believes competition is absent for the technical reasons outlined above and the potential for patient harm and disruption.

This is for a one year grant commencing 01/04/24.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

1 April 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

Marie Curie

London

SW11 7BW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00507597

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: £322,937

Total value of the contract/lot: £322,937

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice published 11th July 2024 : Notice reference: 2024/S 000-021252

Please note that the services and associated specification and prices commissioned within this contract may be subject to review and change, moving forward the Commissioners may further review the above mentioned services in conjunction with the selected providers; therefore, the scope of the possible changes to be made to this contract shall relate to the outcomes of any continuous improvement, through a variation to the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (a) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Additionally, the contract may also be amended in terms of the original services supplied or the localities covered, where, following assessment it is identified that it is logical for additional services to be delivered in conjunction with this contract and / or by the provider(s), both in terms of actual service delivery and to avoid duplication of costs. These services may include but are not limited to other services and specialties formally

delivered in alternative care settings where it is foreseen that these services can be delivered more effectively as part of this contract.

The services to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations"). As such, the procurement of the services is being run as a process akin to the procedure mentioned above, as outlined within the suite of procurement documents. The Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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