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Contract

Acute Respiratory Infection Hub - NHS Black Country ICB

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/>

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

Acute Respiratory Infection Hub - NHS Black Country ICB

Reference number

C309042

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Acute respiratory infection (ARI), comprising of all viral and bacterial upper/lower respiratory tract infections, are one of the most common reasons for ED attendance

(Hospital accident and emergency activity, 2022-23 – NHS Digital).

The Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) programme national specialty respiratory report (March 2021) states that respiratory problems were among the most common reasons for general practice consultations and for acute hospital admissions even prior to COVID-19, and that admissions are growing at around 13% annually.

Patient access to GP appointments continues to be a challenge nationally and locally. Several factors have increased demand despite increased capacity, including an aging population, more complex patients, and increasing numbers of patients being managed in the community rather than in secondary care services.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The successful Provider will work to the following core purposes of the Black Country ICS, these being:

1. Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
2. Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
3. Support broader social and economic development
4. Enhance productivity and value for money

As a result of this Competitive Process, a Contract will be awarded to the successful Provider for a period of 4 months (December 2024 to March 2025). The Commissioners may opt to extend the Contract Term by 1 or 2 years dependant on service evaluation. Payment and service provision for the year one extension would be during the period 1st October 2025 to 31st March 2026. If a further extension is required for year two, payment and service provision would be during the periods 1st October 2026 to 31st March 2027.

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the competitive process. The service was commissioned for 4 months, December 2023 to March 2024. As the service ended in March 2024, the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board underwent a Competitive Process for the new service. The provider who previously delivered the service has been identified as the preferred provider. It is anticipated that the service provision resulting from this Competitive Process will have a value of £185,000 for an initial 4 months.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Innovation / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Unity Primary Care Ltd

Pennfields Medical Centre, Upper Zoar Street, Wolverhampton, England, WV3 0JH

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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National registration number

11729981

Internet address

<https://www.unityprimarycare.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £185,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £185,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 midnight 15th November 2024. Any representations should be sent to olamide.shodipe1@nhs.net

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR.

The award decision-makers are the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board. The decision to award the contract was made by the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board's Chief Finance Officer. There were no declared of potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the award decision.

The scoring criteria for the Basic Selection Criteria Questions were either evaluated as Pass/Fail or For Information.

The Key Criteria Questions were evaluated as scored sub-weighted questions, as follows:

Quality and Innovation - 30%

Value - 30%

Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability - 20%

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating Choice - 10%

Social Value - 10%

Unity Primary Care Ltd received the highest combined overall weighted Key Criteria score out of 100.00%. Therefore, they are the preferred provider and awarded the contract (subject to agreement).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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London

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