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Contract

## **Interim pathway to notify parents of a baby's Sickle Cell and other Haemoglobin carrier results identified under the NHS England Newborn bloodspot Screening (NBS) programme in Derbyshire [Urgent Award]**

NHS England - Midlands (East)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b430

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

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

NHS England - Midlands (East)

Cardinal Square, 10 Nottingham Road

Derby

DE1 3QT

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF - East Midlands (England)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/midlands/>

**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**

Interim pathway to notify parents of a baby's Sickle Cell and other Haemoglobin carrier results identified under the NHS England Newborn bloodspot Screening (NBS) programme in Derbyshire [Urgent Award]

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

NHS England - Midlands (East) are making an urgent award for the Provision of Interim pathway to notify parents of Sickle Cell & other Haemoglobin carrier results identified during NBS Screening in Derbyshire.

#### **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: £4,309

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

Main site or place of performance

DHU Health Care

Johnson Building, Locomotive Way

Derby

DE24 8PU

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

The contract is to deliver an interim pathway to notify parents of their babies Sickle Cell & other Haemoglobin carrier results identified during NBS screening programme in Derbyshire.

NHS England - Midlands (East) are making an urgent award to the existing provider DHU Healthcare as described in regulation 14 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

Following an incident and audit, there was a clear recommendation for a clinical service to provide the Sickle Cell Carrier (SCC) results to babies born with a SCC. The responsibility for commissioning the clinical sickle cell carrier service sits with NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), due to the timeframes to implement and recruit to the new service commissioned by the ICB, NHS England - Midlands (East) have

agreed to commission this service on an interim basis until the permanent pathway is in place in January 2025. This date is subject to successful recruitment of staff for the ICB service therefore this contract will be let until 31st March 2025 and terminated early when the substantive service is operational.

This will ensure there is no gap in pathway provision. Failure to provide this service will further delay the sickle cell carrier status notification and other not suspected NBS results to parents of babies screened since 20th June 2024. It will create a health inequality as babies with other NBS results are notified in a shorter timeframe.

Therefore this contract is being awarded to DHU Healthcare as they are the current provider for the sickle cell serious incident response.

The lifetime value of this contract is £4,309.

Services will be provided between 4th November 2024 and 31st March 2025.

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

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /  
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

#### **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) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under 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.

#### 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

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

1 November 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

DHU Healthcare

2 Roundhouse Road, Pride Park

Derby

DE24 8JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF11 - Derby

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,309

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under 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 decision to use Regulation 14 to award under urgent circumstances was made due to the need to ensure there is no gap in pathway provision. Failure to provide this service will increase the backlog of babies waiting for results and create a health inequality as babies with other NBS results are notified in a shorter timeframe.

There were no declared or potential conflicts of interest.

The decision makers for this process are Midlands Commissioning Group (MCG).

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

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

NHS England - Midlands (East)

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Derby

DE1 3QT

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