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Contract

## **Clinical database Childrens HIV and Aids Reporting System (CHARS)**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-055554

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

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

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Rd

London

SE1 8UG

#### **Contact**

Russell Greenwood

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Clinical database Childrens HIV and Aids Reporting System (CHARS)

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Clinical databases are important to specialised service commissioning because population is a requirement of specialised providers (via clinical service specifications) and, in some cases, the clinical databases / registries hold clinical details not located in other information systems, aiding identification of specialised service activity.

The Children's HIV and AIDS Reporting System collects and processes long term follow-up paediatric HIV data for all children living with HIV in England until transition to adult care. The purpose of CHARS is:

- To provide data for public health surveillance of HIV infections among children living with HIV
- To monitor the quality of care of children living with HIV until transition to adult services, including producing quality of care indicators
- To support NHS commissioning services CHARS launched in 2022 and continues paediatric surveillance carried out by the Collaborative HIV Paediatric Study (CHIPS) based at UCL Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Unit which ran from 2000- 2020, significantly improving the surveillance service in multiple ways.

#### **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: £135,418.27

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Price

### **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

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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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Reg 32(2)(b)(ii)

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 June 2025

#### **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**

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WC1E 6BT

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

RC000631

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: £135,418.27

Lowest offer: £135,418.27 / Highest offer: £135,418.27 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom