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Contract

The Infected Blood Inquiry Psychological Support Service

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-035910

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044dc3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

7&8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

Contact

Anna Salt

Email

anna.salt@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Infected Blood Inquiry Psychological Support Service

Reference number

C255762

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England Specialised Commissioning and the Mental Health Team are working jointly to commission a Psychological Support Service for those infected and affected by infected blood, in response to the Interim Inquiry Report. This service can only be delivered by existing commissioned Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centres (HCCC).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,582,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 9 - National Clinical Lead and Service Support Host Provider

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Transparency - Intention to Award Notice - to inform market of the Relevant Authority's intention to Award a Contract to the Most Suitable Provider under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Most Suitable Provider Process.

NHS England Specialised Commissioning and the Mental Health Team are working jointly to commission a Psychological Support Service for those infected and affected by infected blood, in response to the Interim Inquiry Report. This service can only be delivered by existing commissioned Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centres (HCCC).

The lifetime value of the contract covering all Lots is expected to be approximately £22,809,000.00.

This is a new service and will be delivered by existing providers. It is anticipated that the services will commence as soon as possible following expiry of the standstill period for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria /
Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is an option to extend for an additional 2 years

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) 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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight on Monday 18th November 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

This is the third and final intention to award notice that has been published and covers the outcome for Lot 9 which is now awarded following receipt of further information that was required from the provider.

The Relevant Authority is of the view, taking into account likely providers and all relevant information available to it at this time, that it has identified the most suitable provider for this Lot.

Each of the 5 Key Criteria elements were balanced with equal priority and considered on this basis. Following assessment, it was agreed that the provider is capable of meeting the service specification and is an existing Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centre which was an essential requirement.

This decision has been made as per NHS England governance processes, by Delegated Commissioning Group on 28th May 2024. No conflicts of interest were identified.

Please contact anna.salt@nhs.net with any written representations, ensuring the following details are referenced:

Project reference: C255762

Project title: Infected Blood Inquiry Psychological Support Service

If no representations are received before midnight on Monday 18th November 2024, then the standstill period will come to an end and the relevant authority can proceed with contract awards.

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:

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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

Lot No

9

Title

Lot 9 - National Clinical Lead and Service Support Host Provider

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 May 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

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Newcastle

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

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: £2,582,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,582,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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This is the third and final Intention to Award Notice that is being published for this service and Lot 9 now that the assessment on the provider has been completed and confirmed.

The Relevant Authority is of the view, taking into account likely providers and all relevant information available to it at this time, that it has identified the most suitable provider for this Lot.

Each of the 5 Key Criteria elements were balanced with equal priority and considered on this basis. Following assessment, it was agreed that the provider is capable of meeting the service specification and is an existing Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centres which was an essential requirement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

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LE1 6NB

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

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

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