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## **Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-036463

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0393f6

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Email**

[sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk](mailto:sarah.beaumont@attain.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

#### **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**

Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Reference number

ACE-0660-2022-HWE

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this notice is to inform the market of the intention of the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board to award a contract for Cataract Surgery to Community Health and Eye Care Limited (CHEC).

There has been recent growth in the activity for cataract surgery which has mainly been attributed to long waiting lists at the Acute Trusts and patient choice to access services closer to where they reside. Patients are able to choose any provider listed on the NHS e-Referral Service.

Community Health and Eye Care Ltd is one of the independent sector providers listed on

the NHS e-Referral Service currently offering cataract surgery. The activity with CHEC is currently undertaken as non-contract activity as the ICB does not have a formal contract in place with CHEC for cataract surgery.

Where there are established flows of patient activity with a material financial value, it is recommended that an NHS Standard Contract is in place to ensure high quality services are delivered to our patients.

#### **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: £4,689,680

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

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Where there are established flows of patient activity with a material financial value, the legal right for patient choice applies to any provider listed on the National Directory of Services (eRS), and therefore, activity flows are expected to continue to CHEC. It is recommended that an NHS Standard Contract is in place to enable formal contractual arrangements are established to provide appropriate assurance of service quality for

commissioners and patients.

The contract will start on 9th January 2023 and will expire on 31st March 2024. The Authority will apply a voluntary standstill period following publication of this VEAT Notice prior to entering into a contract with CHEC. The standstill period will conclude at midnight on 6th January 2023 (accommodating for three bank holidays occurring in the period).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

#### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

The activity flowing to Community Health and Eyecare Limited is being driven by patient choice, the legal right for patient choice applies for any provider listed on the National Directory of Services (eRS), therefore, in this context CHEC are considered a sole supplier.

#### **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/concession**

### **Title**

Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 December 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Community Health and Eyecare Limited

1 - 6 Star Building, Caxton Road, Fulwood

Preston

PR2 9BS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Internet address

[www.communityeyecare.uk](http://www.communityeyecare.uk)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,689,680

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.justice.gov.uk>

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

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter house, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

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Internet address

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