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Cataract Surgery - Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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