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## **The Integrated Gynaecology Service**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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

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

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Charter House, Parkway

Welwyn Garden City

AL8 6JL

#### **Email**

[maninder.dulku@attain.co.uk](mailto:maninder.dulku@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**

The Integrated Gynaecology Service

Reference number

ACE-0734-2023-HWE

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This is a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice (VEAT) and is intended to provide notice of the intention of the Authority to award a contract for an Integrated Gynaecology Service to its incumbent The Gynaecology Partnership Ltd.

The proposed new contract is intended to start on 1st April 2024 and end on 31st March 2025. The expected value of this contract is £1,900,284. The value expressed in this notice is the expected value of the 1-year period. Please note that these are expected values and may be amended post contract finalisation with the provider.

The Gynaecology Partnership Ltd has been providing this service since 2019 and is due to expire on 31st March 2024. The total cumulative value of the contract since it started

from 2019 – 2024 is £9,204,658 (excluding VAT and excluding the value of this new contract).

#### **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: £1,900,284

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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The Five Year Forward View set out an ambition to deliver more healthcare out of acute hospitals and closer to home, with the aim of providing better care for patients, reducing the number of unplanned bed days in hospital, and reducing net costs. To achieve this objective, the organisation previously known as NHS Herts Valleys CCG (HVCCG) commissioned a range of community services from the independent sector and NHS providers. The contract between HVCCG and the Gynaecology Partnership Ltd was entered into from 1 April 2018 following a Multi-Provider Pathway Collaborative (MPPC) due diligence process. The community gynaecology service has successfully delivered gynaecology clinics across all four localities in south and west Hertfordshire. The contract is due to expire 31 March 2024.

The Gynaecology Partnership Ltd has subcontracts with West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (WHTHT), Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. The service operates between primary care, community, and secondary care services to provide specialist assessment, treatment, non-complex procedures, and direct listing of appropriate onward referrals to secondary care. The service excludes 2-week cancer referrals, inpatient elective, and non-elective care. The service has offered training sessions within community clinics for gynaecology registrars at WHTHT which is currently being built into registrar rotas and this ongoing arrangement is included within the revised service specification to support future gynaecology workforce training and development.

This service also supports the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme which incorporates the High Volume Low Complexity programme of which Gynaecology is one of the six surgical specialties. The GIRFT HVLC programme is a key element of the wider NHS Elective Recovery programme to adopt best practice, ensure equity of access and ensure continuous improvement. As well as the current service achieving good outcomes, timely appointments and treatment for patients and is highly commended by the GIRFT (Getting it Right First Time) Gynaecology leads in the East of England regional improvement team as showing positive impacts on the main local trust in SHW place. The service is integrated with local trusts to enable direct listing and thus it is believed that they are best placed to continue to provide the service.

The current contract for this service is currently due to end 31 March 2024.

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

In line with best practice, the Authority will observe a voluntary 10-day standstill period prior to concluding the proposed contract with The Gynaecology Partnership Ltd.

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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:

The NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (HWE ICB) was incorporated on 1st July 2022 and includes the three previous clinical commissioning groups. Since the HWE ICB was incorporated, we have been working to review services across each 'place' to ensure that there is equity of access for our patients across the broader ICB area.

The provider is an incumbent provider in HWE ICB in south and west Herts (SWH) place since 2018 and delivers a good quality, timely service to south and west Herts patients and is integrally linked with all existing trusts in the SWH area. The contract extension will enable continuity of service with the community and local trusts working together in a collaborative way following the pathways which have been agreed by all local trust gynaecology clinical leads in SWH place. Furthermore, the extension will enable time for an ICB wide review of Gynaecology services to

explore the potential for further efficiencies and the potential to expand the community model to

other ICB place areas.

#### 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

The Integrated Gynaecology Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

29 December 2023

### **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**

The Gynaecology Partnership Ltd

45-47 Kings Road, London Colney

St Albans

AL2 1ES

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,900,284

### **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 England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **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>