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## **Direct Access X-Ray Service**

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042a28

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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**

[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**

Direct Access X-Ray 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 designed to provide notice of the intention of the Authority to award a new contract for Direct Access X-Ray Services to its incumbent provider Alliance Medical Limited. This service is provided in the East and North Hertfordshire place area within the Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB (HWE ICB) footprint.

The proposed new contract will start on 1st April 2024 and will end on 31st March 2025 with the option to extend for a further 12 months to 31st March 2026. The annual value of the contract is £282,463. The value reflected in this notice is the maximum value should the extension period be utilised. Please note that these are expected values and may be amended post contract finalisation with the provider.

The contract has been in place since 11th June 2018 and has a total cumulative value of £1,098,430 (excluding VAT and exclusive of the value of the new proposed contract).

This short-term contract will allow the HWE ICB to undertake a robust review of the services with a view of alignment across the ICB to inform future service provision.

#### **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: £564,926

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

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Provision of GP referred x-ray services. Service is available from 09:00-18:00, seven days a week. GP's can refer patients for x-ray on long term issues. The x-rays are reviewed and the report will be returned for the GP to manage the patient or support

onward referral to a specialist unit. The x-ray service works in conjunction with the Minor Injuries Services, providing x-rays, review and reports for their patients also.

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further 12 months to 31st March 2026.

### **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 apply a voluntary 10-day standstill period prior to concluding the new contract with Alliance Medical Limited.

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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 replaced the three clinical commissioning groups which were operating across the HWE area. Since the incorporation of the HWE ICB, there has been a significant level of work to understand services available within each 'place' and how they should be provided across the broader system to ensure equity of services for patients.

This new short-term contract will enable the HWE ICB work to understand how best to align these services across the ICB which will inform future commissioning intentions for this service which ensuring continuity of care for our patients. To procure services at this stage may risk implementing a service which doesn't adequately meet health needs of patients and may not deliver the best value for money service.

#### **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**

Direct Access X-Ray

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 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**

Alliance Medical Limited

Iceni Centre, Warwick Technology Park

Warwick

CV34 6DA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

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: £564,926

**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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