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Contract

Community Audiology - Action for Deafness AQP & Non AQP

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04cce3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QNX

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sussex.ics.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

Community Audiology - Action for Deafness AQP & Non AQP

Reference number

NTW_202425_QNX_AQP_NON AQP

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121240 - ENT or audiologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The services provided are Community Audiology, including Adult Hearing Aids for people aged 55 years and above.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Award Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime - Direct Award C) Regulations 2023.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

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: £2,841,376.50

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121240 - ENT or audiologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

Sussex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services provided are Community Audiology including Adult Hearing Aids for people aged 55 years and above.

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This direct award is for a initial term of 12 months, from 1/4/24 to 31/3/25 with the option to extend for an additional period of 6 months to 30/09/25.

The service value is £1,894,251.00 per annum.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard. / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

This procurement falls under the Provider Selection Regime 2023 (Direct Award Process C).

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

Contract No

NTW_202425_QNX_AQP_NON AQP

Title

Community Audiology - Action for Deafness AQP & Non AQP

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 November 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

Action for Deafness

22 Sussex Road

Haywards Heath

RH16 4EA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Companies House

06706042

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,841,376.50

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Decision maker: Deputy Chief Delivery Officer, NHS Sussex ICB.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The service evaluation was reviewed against the 5 key criteria:

- Quality & Innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration & service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice
- Social value

These were then weighted as follows:

Quality and innovation (20%),

Value (20%),

Integration, collaboration and service sustainability (20%), Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice (20%);

Social Value (20%).

In determining the weightings for each of the criteria, the ICB's primary focus was on ensuring that the evaluation process reflects the key priorities and objectives of the service.

Quality & Innovation: The weighting reflects our commitment to delivering a service of the highest quality. It emphasises the importance of innovation and adaptability in meeting the evolving needs of service users while maintaining excellence in service delivery.

Value: The criterion of "Value" holds significant importance as it underscores the necessity of achieving optimal value for public investment. It is essential to ensure that resources are utilised efficiently and effectively to deliver sustainable and cost-effective services.

Integration, Collaboration, and Service Sustainability: This criterion highlights the critical role of integration and collaboration in enhancing service delivery.

Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities, and Facilitating Choice: This criterion underscores our commitment to promoting

equitable access to healthcare services. It emphasises the importance of addressing health inequalities and enhancing patient choice, ultimately leading to improved health

outcomes

for all.

Social Value: Social Value remains a crucial consideration in our evaluation process. It recognises the potential impact of service

changes on the local healthcare workforce and their contributions to broader social, economic, and environmental improvements in the community.

The existing provider was assessed against key criteria which were weighted according to importance in terms of service delivery and scored satisfactorily against the assessed criteria.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

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Lewes

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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