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Contract

Sexual Health Services - Community Contraception Service

Darlington Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-041718

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-056323

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Darlington Borough Council

Town Hall, Feethams

Darlington

DL15QT

Contact

Michael Howlett

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sexual Health Services - Community Contraception Service

Reference number

PB2023-01324

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of contraceptive services including the fitting and removal of long acting reversible contraception, the provision of emergency oral hormonal contraception, the

provision of a condom card scheme along with clinical advice and support.

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: £1,596,208.60

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33641400 - Contraceptives

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC13 - Darlington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of contraceptive services including the fitting and removal of long acting reversible contraception, the provision of emergency oral hormonal contraception, the provision of a condom card scheme along with clinical advice and support.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: to address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

C1.1 If the Authority wishes to extend this Contract, it shall give the Provider written notice of such intention before the Expiry Date set out in clause A3.2.

C1.2 If the Authority gives such notice then the Expiry Date shall be extended by the period set out in the notice.

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:

Contract Award Notice required as per Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Regulations. 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

Title

Sexual Health Services - Community Contraception Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 July 2025

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

Primary Healthcare Darlington

Ground Floor Forsyth House, 20 Woodlands Road

Darlington

DL3 7PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC13 - Darlington

Companies House

09213928

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: £1,596,208.60

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,596,208.60

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The intention is to continue to work with the existing provider to provide Community Contraception services and there is an existing contract which was about to expire. The direct award would ensure sustainability of a high quality service with a provider with a proven track record of delivery. It would also ensure that local residents continued to have direct access to this service within the borough.

Non competitive market for highly specialised services with very limited provider base.
Evidence of market failure in neighbouring authorities.

Decision-makers:

Lorraine Hughes -Director of Public Health

Ken Ross - Public Health Specialist

Conflicts of interest:

1 potential/perceived Conflict of Interest recorded for/by Lorraine Hughes.

This has been recorded, and non-conflicted members of the project group have assessed the nature of this conflict and have determined that there is no risk or impact on this process, and that no further mitigating actions are required.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Darlington Borough Council

Darlington

DL1 5QT

Country

United Kingdom