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Contract

## **Sexual Health Services - Genito Urinary Medicine**

Darlington Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05632a

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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**

[michael.howlett@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:michael.howlett@darlington.gov.uk)

#### **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

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Sexual Health Services - Genito Urinary Medicine

Reference number

PB2023-01323

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of diagnosis, treatment and contact tracing for genito urinary and sexually transmitted infections

### **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: £3,817,440

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC13 - Darlington

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

Provision of diagnosis, treatment and contact tracing for genito urinary and sexually transmitted infections

### **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.

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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:

This contract has been awarded under Provider Selection Regime (PSR), Direct Award Process C.

#### **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**

### **Title**

Sexual Health Services - Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM)

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**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

DL3 6HX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC13 - Darlington

NHS Organisation Data Service

RXP

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,817,440

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,817,440

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## **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