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Contract

## **Confidential Staff Liaison and Freedom To Speak Up Services**

NHS Highland

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-046168

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d761

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

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

NHS Highland

Assynt House, Beechwood Park

Inverness

IV2 3BW

#### **Email**

[nhsh.tenders@nhs.scot](mailto:nhsh.tenders@nhs.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 7976911804

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00302](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00302)

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Confidential Staff Liaison and Freedom To Speak Up Services

Reference number

HH083-23-TW08

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

- 79633000 - Staff development services

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

Services

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

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

- 79633000 - Staff development services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

NHS Highland Area

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

NHS Highland have been providing a Guardian / Speak up service since 2020, as recommended in the Sturrock review, this is to provide an independent channel for colleague concerns to be raised where other channels have not worked or cannot be used. This service was aligned to include the National Whistleblowing standards in NHS Highland also in 2020.

The market was reviewed and the only established provider of this service that we have identified with appropriate and relevant NHS specific experience is The Guardian Service. The Guardian Service has been working with NHS Highland for the past three years and NHS Highland would like to continue to provide this service to its employees for a further 12 months with the option to extend for up to another 12 months.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2025

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-022410](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

HH083-23-TW08

### **Title**

Confidential Staff Liaison and Freedom To Speak Up Services

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

1 August 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

The Guardian Service Ltd.

WeWork,, 8 Devonshire Square,

London

EC2M 4PL

Telephone

+44 7878936652

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £316,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

(SC Ref:806074)

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Country

United Kingdom

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**Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

**VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

**VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 79633000 - Staff development services

**VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

NHS Highland Area

**VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

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**VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

30 November 2025

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£375,980

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

The Guardian Service Ltd.

WeWork,, 8 Devonshire Square,

London

EC2M 4PL

Telephone

+44 7878936652

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The contract has been extended under the same Service requirements to allow for a recruitment to bring the service in house.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The service is required to continue while NHS Highland conducts their recruitment to bring the service in house.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £316,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £375,980