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Contract

Putnoe Walk In Centre [Direct Award Process C]

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands

Bedfordshire

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United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.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

Putnoe Walk In Centre [Direct Award Process C]

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (ICB) are awarding an NHS Standard Contract for the Provision of same day Primary Care Services at Putnoe Walk In Centre (WiC).

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: £2,125,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH24 - Bedford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract is to deliver same day Primary Care Services at Putnoe Walk in Centre in Bedford.

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB intends to award a contract to the existing provider, Putnoe Medical Centre via Direct Award Process C as described in Regulation 9 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

A Strategic Outline Case assessed the following:

- options available to the ICB under the PSR regulations.
- Performance and Quality of the incumbent provider.
- Incumbent Providers capability and willingness to transform services to improve quality, performance and act as a system partner to improve outcomes for residents.
- Value for money.

Whilst applying several principles:

- The need to provide streamlined and integrated primary care.
- The current service specifications are in line with national requirements and there is no considerable change needed to deliver these services.
- We need to minimise disruption for residents and stakeholders.
- We are looking for a long-term partner in this provision, not simply a transactional relationship. Full integration of primary care requires strong and trusting relationships.

Each Key Criteria defined under Regulation 5 of PSR were assessed, with prioritisation given to Quality and Value.

The contract start date is 1st April 2026 for a period of 2 Years 6 Months until 30th September 2028.

The approximate total lifetime value of the contract is estimated to be £2,125,000 (Annual value of £850,000) and is subject to national negotiations of primary care medical services.

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

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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 is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 2400hrs (Midnight) 26th August 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 June 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

Putnoe Medical Centre

93 Queens Drive

Bedford

MK41 9JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH24 - Bedford

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: £2,125,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,125,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 2400hrs (Midnight) 26th August 2025 to the following email address: blmkicb.pccc@nhs.net

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The decision makers for this process were Primary Care Commissioning and Assurance Committee (ICB Board Sub-Committee) and ICB Board.

There were no conflicts of interests declared in reaching the decision to award.

The provider was assessed against 5 key criteria:

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

The assessment against each criterion was undertaken based on the current service delivery model and performance. Quality of service, including patient feedback, and value for money were the driving factors for the direct award decision. The supplier meets all the requirements specified to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, and it is expected that they will satisfy the requirements of the new contract going forwards.

Based on the evidence submitted, the Primary Care commissioners were satisfied that the Direct Award of a contract to Putnoe Medical Centre is in line with the required criteria and are satisfied that Putnoe Medical Centre is an appropriate and suitable provider for the future.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/how-commissioning-is-changing/nhs-provider-selection-regime/independent-patient-choice-and-procurement-panel/>