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## **Nairn Out of Hours Service**

NHS Highland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05a0e9

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

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

NHS Highland

Assynt House, Beechwood Park

Inverness

IV2 3BW

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

#### **Telephone**

+44 1463704000

#### **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)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Nairn Out of Hours Service

Reference number

HH010-25-TW26

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

NHS Highland requires a GP Medical Cover within Out of Hours service (and Minor

Injuries Unit - MIU) within Nairn & Ardersier. Full service specification indicates needs for one Duty Doctor between the following hours – Monday to Saturday - 18.00 – 08.00 = 5 x 14 hours Saturday and Sunday – 08.00 – 08.00 = 2 x 24 hours Public Holidays 24 hour provision as determined by the Authority each year.

#### **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: £1,816,488

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice to indicate that NHS Highland intend to Direct Award a Contract for the Provision of GP Medical Cover within Out of Hours service (and Minor Injuries Unit - MIU) within Nairn & Ardersier.

The Contract is expected to be in place for 12 months with an option to extend for a further up to 36 months to ensure continuity of this essential service.

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

Nairn Health Care Group are currently contracted to deliver this service to the population of Nairn and Ardersier, and

as the sole practice within the Nairn area (following a merger in 2012) they are the only practice that can deliver this

service. Nairn Health Care Group have delivered this service in the area for over 15 years with no concerns regarding

service delivery. They are based within the Hospital, meaning they can deliver the service with no operational/organisational

change. A tender exercise was undertaken in 2023, resulting in a single submission from Nairn Health Care Group. This

further evidences the rationale for proceeding with the VEAT (Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency) process.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

HH010-25-TW26

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 September 2025

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

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

Nairn Healthcare Group

Cawdor Road

Nairn

IV12 5EE

Telephone

+44 1667452096

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,816,488

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=811055.](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=811055)

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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United Kingdom