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Contract

## **Nairn Out of Hours Service**

NHS Highland

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-073250

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

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS Highland

Assynt House, Beechwood Park

Inverness

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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**

Provision of 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

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#### **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) Form of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Nairn Health Care Group is the sole GP practice serving the Nairn and Ardersier population following a merger in 2012.

The service in question is intrinsically linked to the provision of primary care within this locality and cannot be

delivered by any other provider without significant disruption to continuity of care and patient safety. There are no

other practices within the area to deliver this service, and establishing a new provider would require structural changes

that are disproportionate and impractical. A competitive tender exercise was conducted in 2023, which resulted in only

one compliant submission—from Nairn Health Care Group—further evidencing the absence of market competition.

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-059188](#)

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## **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**

23 September 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

Nairn Healthcare Group

Cawdor Road

Nairn

IV12 5EE

Telephone

+44 1667452096

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

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**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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