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Contract

## **Provision of Domiciliary Care Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area**

Western Health and Social Care Trust

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

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

Western Health and Social Care Trust

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Derry

BT47 6SB

#### **Email**

[contracts@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:contracts@westerntrust.hscni.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.westerntrust.hscni.net>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of Domiciliary Care Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

Services

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

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Provision of Domiciliary Care Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area

Lot 9 Strabane

Guaranteed Hours 1,809 hours per week;

Estimated Time Specific Hours 660 hours per week

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

Duration in months

60

**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: [2016/S 200-361245](#)

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

**Contract No**

12279

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

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

9 September 2016

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Bryson Care

2 Rivers Edge, 13-15 Ravenhill Road

Belfast

BT6 8DN

Email

[joanne.neill@brysongroup.org](mailto:joanne.neill@brysongroup.org)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.brysongroup.org>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

North West Care and Support Ltd

Limavady

BT49 0DN

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.nwcare.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Strabane and District Caring Services

Strabane

BT82 9AE

Email

[jacqui@strabanedistrictcaring.com](mailto:jacqui@strabanedistrictcaring.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.strabanedistrictcaring.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**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: £9,775,914

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Reference VII.2.2 continued: As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract & therefore satisfies Reg 72(1)(c)(ii). Reg 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £532608 & the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9775914. Extension of Contract Period: PREVIOUS MODIFICATIONS STARTING WITH THE OLDEST AND ENDING WITH THE MOST RECENT PRIOR TO MODIFICATION 6. MODIFICATION 1 Description of the modifications DoH Direction Reasons for modification Regulation 72(1)(c)(i) PCR 2015 is satisfied as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. DoH directed for the financial year 23/24: Reversal of the £0.08 per hour in respect of the reversal of the National Insurance Levy referred to in the Trust's letter of 14.08.23, bringing the hourly rate to £18.00 per hour; and An increase from £18.00 to £18.54 per hour. With effect from 01.04.23 the Hourly Rate is increased to £18.54 from 01.04.23 until 31.03.24. The service, being a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract and therefore satisfies Regulation 72(1)(c)(ii). Regulation 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £504,568 and the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9,775,914. Increase in price Updated total contract value before the modifications: £21,424,720 Total contract value after the modifications: £21,929,288. MODIFICATION 2 Duration of the contract in months: 93 Description of the modifications Extension to Contract Period and DoH Direction Reasons for modification Regulation 72(1)(c)(i) PCR 2015 is satisfied as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. Extension of Contract Period The Trust is preparing to re-tender this Service. This re-procurement exercise has been delayed as a result of the matters detailed in the Trust's letter dated 23.02.23, as well as unforeseen DoH direction relating to the HSC financial position, which impacts upon the re-procurement process. As such, new contracts under the re-procurement exercise will not be awarded and the service transitioned and commenced thereunder before the expiry of the current Contracts in Lot 9 on 30.09.23. In order to ensure the continued and uninterrupted service delivery of this critical front line service in the interim, the Trust issued a letter dated 20.02.24 to amend the Contract Period in Contracts in Lot 9 to include one further period of extension of 9 months commencing on 01.02.25 and expiring on 31.10.25. DoH Direction DoH directed for the financial year 23/24: Reversal of the £0.08 per hour in respect of the reversal of the National Insurance Levy referred to in the Trust's letter of 14.08.23, bringing the hourly rate to £18.00 per hour; and An increase from £18.00 to £18.54 per hour. With effect from 20.02.24, the Hourly Rate is increased to £18.54 per hour from 01.03.23 – 31.03.24. The service, being

a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract and therefore satisfies Regulation 72(1)(c)(ii). Regulation 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £2,668,896 and the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9,775,914. Increase in price Updated total contract value before the modifications: £21,929,288 Total contract value after the modifications: £24,598,184.

**MODIFICATION 3** Description of the modifications DoH Direction Reasons for modification Regulation 72(1)(c)(i) PCR 2015 is satisfied in respect of this modification as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. DoH directed for the financial year 24/25: In observance of the important role of Providers and their requirements as an employer, funding is provided by DoH to address the requirements of the National Living Wage increase, effective from 01.04.24. The DoH has directed that the Trust increase the Hourly Rate under the Contract from £18.54 to £20.01 per hour for 24/25, with effect from 01.04.24. The DoH direction states: "It would be expected that this increase would be used to support wage rates within the sector and therefore support sustainability and capacity for this vital service." With effect from 01.04.24, the Hourly Rate is increased to £20.01 per hour from 01.04.24 until 31.03.25. In observation of inflationary pressures, the DoH has also directed a non-recurrent support package for Providers for 23/24, to support inflationary pressures. This is paid on a non-recurrent basis at an additional £0.20 per hour, effective from 01.04.23 to 31.03.24. The £0.20 per hour financial support is provided on the Guaranteed Hours and hours under the Time Specific Model paid for the period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24. Payment of this financial support was made by the Trust on 03.05.24. Here the service, being a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract and therefore satisfies Regulation 72(1)(c)(ii). Regulation 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £562,814 and the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9,775,914. Increase in price Updated total contract value before the modifications: £24,598,184 Total contract value after the modifications: £25,160,998. .

**MODIFICATION 4** Duration of the contract in months: 105 (93+12) Description of the modifications Extension to Contract Period and DoH Direction Reasons for modification Regulation 72(1)(c)(i) PCR 2015 is satisfied as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. Extension of Contract Period In order to ensure the continued and uninterrupted service delivery of this critical front line service the Trust issued a letter 07.03.25 to vary the Contract Period in Lot 9 Contracts to include one further period of extension of 12 months commencing on 01.11.25 and expiring on 31.10.26. The Trust has recently advertised the re-tender of this Service. The re-procurement exercise was delayed as a result of unforeseen DoH, regional HSC and NI public procurement policy as well as DoH direction relating to the HSC financial position which materially impacted upon the re-tender exercise. As such new contracts under the re-procurement exercise will not be awarded and the service transitioned and commenced thereunder before the

expiry of the current Contract on 30.06.25. DoH Direction DoH directed for the financial year 24/25: In observance of the important role of Providers and their requirements as an employer, funding is provided by DoH to address the requirements of the National Living Wage increase, effective from 01.04.24. DoH has directed that the Trust increase the Hourly Rate under the Contract from £18.54 to £20.01 per hour for 24/25, with effect from 01.04.24. The DoH direction states "It would be expected that this increase would be used to support wage rates within the sector and therefore support sustainability and capacity for this vital service." The service, being a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract and therefore satisfies Regulation 72(1)(c)(ii). Regulation 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £3,739,773 and the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9,775,914. Increase in price Updated total contract value before the modifications: £25,160,998 Total contract value after the modifications: £28,900,771. MODIFICATION 5 Description of the modifications DoH Direction Reasons for modification Regulation 72(1)(c)(i) PCR 2015 is satisfied as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. DoH directed for the financial year 25/26 with effect from 01.04.25: An increase from £20.01 to £21.35 per hour. DoH has confirmed this increase is intended to support wage rates within the sector, in the context of the increase to the National Living Wage, and the impact of changes to employer National Insurance contribution requirements from 01.04.25. With effect from 01.04.25, the Hourly Rate in Contracts in Lot 9 is increased to £21.35 per hour from 01.04.25 until 31.03.26. The service, being a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. As such the modification does not alter the overall nature of the Contract and satisfies Regulation 72(1)(c)(ii). Regulation 72(1)(c)(iii) is met in that the increase in price for Lot 9 does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contracts. The increase in price for Lot 9 is £532,608 and the value of the original Contracts for Lot 9 is £9,775,914. Increase in price Updated total contract value before the modifications: £28900771 Total contract value after the modifications: £29433379..

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

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

The High Court of Justice In Northern Ireland, Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country



United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) (as amended) may bring proceedings to the High Court (Northern Ireland). Any such proceedings are subject to the time limits as detailed in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) (as amended).

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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**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

#### **VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Provision of Domiciliary Care Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area .  
Lot 9 Strabane. The Trust refers to its response at VII.2.1 and VII.2.2.

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

Provision of Domiciliary Care Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area .  
Lot 9 Strabane. The Trust refers to its response at VII.2.1 and VII.2.2.

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

Duration in months

84

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£29,433,379

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

Bryson Care

2 Rivers Edge, 13-15 Ravenhill Road

Belfast

BT6 8DN

Email

[joanne.neill@brysongroup.org](mailto:joanne.neill@brysongroup.org)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.brysongroup.org>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

North West Care and Support Ltd

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BT49 0DN

Email

[shaunairwin@nwcare.co.uk](mailto:shaunairwin@nwcare.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.nwcare.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Strabane and District Caring Services

32-36 Bridge Street

Strabane

BT82 9AE

Email

[jacqui@strabanedistrictcaring.com](mailto:jacqui@strabanedistrictcaring.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.strabanedistrictcaring.com>

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):

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

## Extension to Contract Period

The Trust refers also to its responses below at VII.2.2 and VII.2.3.

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

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

See VII.2.1. The first condition of this ground under Reg72(1)(c) PCR is that the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen. Reg72(1)(c)(i)PCR is satisfied in respect of this modification as the need for modification has been brought about by external circumstances, which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen when the Trust awarded these contracts back in 2016. The re-tender of this Service is currently at evaluation stage. The tender was delayed as a result of unforeseen DoH & NI public procurement policy as well as DoH direction relating to the HSC financial position which materially impacted upon the tender. DoH directed for the financial year 25/26: An increase from £20.01 to £21.35 per hour. The service, being a domiciliary care service, is unchanged. Continued in VI.3

### **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: £28,900,771

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £29,433,379