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Contract

Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland (PSR The Most Suitable Provider Process - Notice of intention to make an award of a contract).

Sunderland City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fc03

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Sunderland City Council

City Hall, Plater Way,

Sunderland

SR13AA

Contact

Issy Langley

Email

issy.langley@sunderland.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland (PSR The Most Suitable Provider Process - Notice of intention to make an award of a contract).

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A contract for the appointment of a Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland to manage Public Health Services within Community Pharmacies in Sunderland. The Service will include (without limitation):

- Stop Smoking Service.
- Community Pharmacy Nicotine Replacement Therapy Voucher Scheme.
- Community Pharmacy Sexual Health Services (including Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC), provision of chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening kits, and registration of service users and distribution of condoms via the local C Card Scheme).

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: £1,503,200

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Main site or place of performance

The Boundaries of the City of Sunderland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority intends to award a contract for the Service to PSNE Limited pursuant to The Most Suitable Provider Process under Regulation 10 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ("PSR"). This is a notice under Regulation 10 (7) of the Authority's intention to award the contract for the Service as described below.

For avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this proposed contract.

The Management Provider will work with the Council and other providers in the local health and care system to create and develop services that:

- Promote prevention, early intervention and self-care for the people of Sunderland;
- Ensure Public Health services within Community Pharmacies and interventions are accessible and equitable;
- Ensure key Public Health services within Community Pharmacies and interventions are of high quality, safe, effective and provide value for money; and
- Ensure Service Users are provided with or referred to services that are consistent with the Service Specification.

The requirements of the Management Provider for managing Public Health Services within Community Pharmacies in Sunderland, include:

- Stop Smoking Service.
- Community Pharmacy Nicotine Replacement Therapy Voucher Scheme.
- Community Pharmacy Sexual Health Services (including Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC), provision of chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening kits, and registration of service users and distribution of condoms via the local C Card Scheme).

The Management Provider will be responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the Community Pharmacy service delivery and must work in close with the Council.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Quality and Innovation / Weighting: 25

Cost criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Integration Collaboration/Service Sustainability / Weighting: 35

Cost criterion - Name: Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating / Weighting: 25

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for up to a total maximum period of 2 years at the sole discretion of the Council.

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a notice under Regulation 10 (7) of the PSR of the Authority's intention to award the contract for the Service to PSNE Ltd pursuant to The Most Suitable Provider Process.

The award of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

The associated F01: Prior information notice (Prior information only) is 2025/S 000-055485.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this proposed award.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made in writing in accordance with Regulation 12 (3) of the PSR to the Authority before midnight on 7th January 2026 via email: issy.langley@sunderland.gov.uk

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:

The Authority intends to award a contract for the Service to PSNE Limited pursuant to The Most Suitable Provider Process under Regulation 10 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ("PSR"). This is a notice under Regulation 10 (7) of the Authority's intention to award the contract for the Service to PSNE Ltd pursuant to The Most Suitable Provider Process.

For avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this proposed contract.

The associated F01: Prior information notice (Prior information only) is 2025/S 000-055485.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made in writing in accordance with Regulation 12 (3) of the PSR to the Authority before midnight on 7th January 2026 via email: issy.langley@sunderland.gov.uk

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Management Provider for Public Health Services Delivered in Community Pharmacy Across Sunderland (PSR The Most Suitable Provider Process - Notice of intention to make an award of a contract).

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PSNE Limited

Gateshead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Companies House

09764592

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: £1,503,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,503,200

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a notice under Regulation 10 (7) of the PSR of Sunderland City Council's intention to award the contract for the Service to PSNE Limited pursuant to The Most Suitable Provider Process of the PSR.

The proposed contract is valued at £751,600 over 2 years (1/03/2026 -31/03/2028) with an option to extend up to a maximum of 2 years at the discretion of the Council. The total contract value for the 2 years plus the option to extend up to a maximum of 2 years is £1,503,200.

The proposed award of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 do not apply to this proposed award.

The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made in writing in accordance with Regulation 12(3) to the Authority before 12 midnight on 7th January 2026 via email to: issy.langleley@sunderland.gov.uk.

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this is a notice under Regulation 10 (7) of PSR of the Authority's intention to award the proposed contract under The Most Suitable Provider Process.

Decision maker: Executive Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, Sunderland City Council.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

All basic selection criteria have been met and the key criteria were weighted as follows:

Quality and Innovation (25%)

Value for Money (5%)

Integration, Collaboration and Sustainability (35%)

Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice (25%)

Social Value (10%).

Following assessment of the above key criteria, the existing provider scored 64% out of 100%.

As a consequence, in light of the above, the Authority is of the view that PSNE Limited is the most suitable provider to whom to make an award of the proposed contract for the Services for the purpose of Regulation 10(6))

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sunderland City Council

City Hall, Plater Way

Sunderland

SR1 1AA

Country

United Kingdom