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Contract

PSR Direct Award C- Dental Technician Services to HM Prisons 26-27

KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.kentcht.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

PSR Direct Award C- Dental Technician Services to HM Prisons 26-27

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for Clinical Dental Technician Services for Dental Technician Services to HM Prisons 26-27

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: £30,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide an efficient and effective service that will ensure the delivery of high quality clinical dental technician services to patients in His Majesty's prisons (HMP).

Contract to be awarded to existing supplier under PSR Direct Award C Process. 1 year contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality and innovation / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Value / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Integration, collaboration and service sustainability / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: N/A As PSR Direct Award C

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

PSR Direct Award C

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kent Dentures

Broadstairs

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

08882105

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: £30,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £30,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by midnight on 8th January 2026.

Award decision makers are: Operational Lead for Dental Services and an appropriately qualified Dental Practitioner.

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

There were no conflicts of interest.

In accordance with the Provider Selection Regime, the relevant authority identified the key criteria of quality and innovation, value, and integration, collaboration and service sustainability as the most relevant to this service, reflecting the clinical nature of the provision, the requirement for continuity of care, and the need for cost-effective delivery.

Assessment of the existing provider's current performance demonstrates that they are delivering the service to a high standard. The provider has consistently met quality and regulatory requirements, including ISO, MHRA, MDR and GDC compliance, and has established effective processes for custom appliance fabrication, patient-centred care and timely delivery. Innovative service delivery is evidenced through the use of dedicated dental technicians, enabling improved access, reduced waiting times and consistently positive patient outcomes, with no complaints or incidents recorded. The service is supported by regular contract review meetings, providing assurance that quality is actively monitored and maintained.

In terms of value, the current arrangement represents a cost-effective model when compared with alternative delivery options. The service has remained within agreed budgets, providing financial stability and predictable costs, while delivering demonstrable efficiencies through reduced waiting times and effective resource utilisation. There is no evidence of unexpected cost pressures, and the provider is expected to continue delivering value for money over the contract term.

The service is well integrated within existing prison dental services and has demonstrated effective collaboration with clinicians and managers to support seamless patient

pathways. Partnership working, personalised design support for complex cases and in-house laboratory capability contribute to service resilience, reduced turnaround times and improved sustainability. Ongoing performance management through contract review mechanisms provides assurance that the provider will continue to meet service requirements.

Based on the assessment of current performance and the provider's ability to maintain these standards in the future, it was concluded that the existing provider satisfies the key criteria to a sufficient standard and that continuation of the arrangement represents the most appropriate and proportionate decision.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel

London

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Country

United Kingdom