

Primary Care Contracting Group

Date of meeting	5 July 2022
Title of paper	Withnell Health Centre Procurement Evaluation Strategy
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Agenda item	
Confidential	Yes

Purpose of the paper				
The paper and accompanying report outline the Procurement Evaluation Strategy (PES) for Withnell Health Centre.				
Executive summary				
This paper presents to the group the current situation in regard to the procurement of a long term 10+5 year APMS contract for Withnell Health Centre.				
Recommendations				
The Group is asked to approve				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Procurement Evaluation Strategy and associated timeline • A 2-month extension to the current temporary contract to facilitate a 3-month mobilisation period. 				
Governance and reporting (list other forums that have discussed this paper)				
Meeting	Date	Outcomes		
Conflicts of interest identified				
All stakeholders. Conflict of Interest declarations have been submitted to North of England Commissioning Support (NECS).				
Implications				
<i>If yes, please provide a brief risk description and reference number</i>	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed				All elements included in the report.

Equality impact assessment completed				
Privacy impact assessment completed				
Financial impact assessment completed				
Associated risks				
Are associated risks detailed on the ICS (Integrated Care System) Risk Register?				

Report authorised by:	
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Withnell Health Centre Procurement

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In December 2021 the CCG received written notice from one of the partners at Withnell Health Centre stating they wished to dissolve the partnership with immediate effect.
- 1.2 On 9th December the Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) agreed to award a temporary 12-month contract to Dr Ann Robinson which ends on the 3rd December 2022.
- 1.3 On the 2nd March the Primary Care Commissioning Committee agreed to go out to the market to procure a 10 + 5 year APMS contract subject to approval at the NHSE Commercial Executive Group (CEG).
- 1.4 The CCG secured procurement support from the North of England Commissioning Support team (NECS) and a proposed timeline developed to meet the commencement deadline for the new contract of the 4th December 2022.
- 1.5 As part of the procurement process a Procurement Evaluation Strategy is required to be approved by the Lead Authority (NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Commissioning Board) before it can be approved by the Contracting Authority (NECS).
- 1.6 This paper presents the Procurement Evaluation Strategy for Withnell Health Centre.

2. Procurement timeline

- 2.1 On 2nd March 2022 the Central Lancashire PCCC approved the procurement of long term contract for Withnell Health Centre.
- 2.2 On the 25th April 2022 NECS published the Request for Information (RFI). Responses were received from three interested parties, including the current contract holder.
- 2.3 On the 14th June 2022 the NHSE CEG approved the procurement of a 10+5 year APMS contract.
- 2.4 April 2022 to date the procurement evaluation strategy and associated timeline has been developed and is attached in appendix 1.

3. Risks and mitigations

- 3.1 The RFI responses highlighted a risk that the proposed mobilisation period of 2 months was too short for new providers and favored the incumbent provider. This could potentially lead to a challenge or a failed procurement.
- 3.2 The proposed mitigation to this risk is to extend the current temporary contract by 2 months in order to facilitate a 3-month mobilisation period.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Group is asked to approve

4.1.1 The Procurement Evaluation Strategy and associated timeline

4.1.2 A 2-month extension to the current temporary contract to facilitate a 3-month mobilisation period.

Yvonne Jones

30 June 2022