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## **Core LIMS - STARLIMS Data Migration Extract**

Business Services Organisation I T S

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hscbusiness.hscni.net](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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These records are required to answer potential legal queries as the level of service provided and extent of analysis performed continues to rapidly evolve with the technology available within any given service to perform the requested analysis.

#### **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: £150,000

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

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The RMDS service has an ongoing patient care responsibility for individuals with complex personal phenotypes which is suggestive of a genetic contribution. The patient phenotype may evolve over time as they move from infancy to adulthood and hence the patient may require multiple analyses over many years or decades often returning to stored DNA stocks provided by the patient.

In addition the multi-generational nature of genetic studies in families who have a pathogenic variant or variants identified in successful historic analysis which may be unique to the family under RMDS care makes the use of variant control samples sourced from consented family members essential.

Hence access to patient records via an accurate data repository represents a major patient safety issue to meet the Royal College guidance, allow patient record identification and location of stock DNA resources as required.

As part of the Core LIMS project, data migration is required by RMDS to transfer data from their existing Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), STARLIMS, into the new LIMS being delivered by the project for the above reasons.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

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As the current LIMS being used by the Regional Molecular Diagnostics Service (RMDS) is a bespoke solution there is no option to approach other providers to carry out the work.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Title**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 January 2023

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

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

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

STARLIMS

Sale

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

03422264

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £150,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Business Services Organisation

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom