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Contract

Provision of Laboratory Services to Support the Delivery of the HPV Primary Screening Pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme - North East and Yorkshire

NHS England - North East and Yorkshire

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05ff54

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England - North East and Yorkshire

1W09, 1ST FLOOR, QUARRY HOUSE

Leeds

LS2 7UA

Email

necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

Y63

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-east-yorkshire/>

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

Provision of Laboratory Services to Support the Delivery of the HPV Primary Screening Pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme - North East and Yorkshire

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The aim of the NHS CSP is to reduce the incidence of, and mortality from, cervical cancer by delivering a systematic quality assured population-based screening programme for eligible people.

The aim of the Service is to support the delivery of the NHS CSP by testing samples and making direct referrals to colposcopy.

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: £28,042,053

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The relevant authority intends to award a contract to an existing provider under Direct Award C under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) regulations 2023.

Contract Start Date: 01 July 2026

Contract End Date: 31 March 2029

The contract term is for an initial period of 21 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard. / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard. / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The Relevant Authority assessed the five key criteria against the service requirements and determined the relative importance of each.

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:

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 Friday 16th January 2026.

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

A contract will not be awarded until after the 9th working day following standstill.

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

Title

Provision of Laboratory Services to Support the Delivery of the HPV Primary Screening Pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme - North East and Yorkshire

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

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

GATESHEAD

NE9 6SX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £28,042,053

Total value of the contract/lot: £28,042,053

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representation should be sent to:

Necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Details of the individuals/group making the award decision:

Head of Public Health & Strategic Commissioning - NHS England

Senior Public Health Commissioning Lead - NHS England

Senior Commissioning Manager - NHS England

North East and Yorkshire Public Health Commissioning Committee

The existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract. The provider has been assessed and passed against the relevant 5 key criteria and mandatory requirements.

There were no conflicts of interests identified.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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