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Planning

CWPS - Pathology Sample Transportation

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE NHS TRUST

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Scope

Description

Coventry and Warwickshire Pathology Services ("CWPS") is seeking a partner to implement a dedicated Pathology Transport Service which will provide sample, consumable and chemical transport.

Coventry and Warwickshire Pathology Service ("CWPS") is a managed network of pathology laboratories hosted by University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW). Laboratory services are provided by laboratories at University Hospital, Coventry; Warwick Hospital, Warwick; and George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 1 April 2032
- Possible extension to 1 April 2036
- 9 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 September 2026

Engagement process description

HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) will conduct this preliminary market engagement exercise through virtual meetings/in-person discussions/telephone discussions and site visits with potential suppliers capable of delivering Pathology Sample Transportation services.

The engagement will be conducted from 06/01/2026 until 01/09/2026.

The purpose of the engagement is to:

- Understand the existing service offering within the market and vehicles currently in use in suppliers' fleet;
- Discuss the current and future impact of the company along the areas of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework to assess the company's overall performance on sustainability and ethical issues that are relevant to Pathology Sample Transport;
- Discuss current and emerging market capabilities and innovations to understand what added value can be provided;
- Identify all potential suppliers of this requirement, including SMEs, and give them the opportunity to be respond to this tender opportunity;
- Explore commercial structure that reflects market expectations and meets the requirements of any Contracting Authorities; and
- Notify the market of the upcoming opportunity and support supplier readiness for future procurement and contract award.

Interested parties please reach out to Eman Majid (eman.majid@htepg.com) at HealthTrust Europe to schedule engagement meeting.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 September 2026

Contracting authority

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE NHS TRUST

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

HealthTrust Europe LLP

Summary of their role in this procurement: On 11th August 2021, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSE) published a contract notice for procurement partner services. HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) was selected to provide these services under the MSE Framework, including access to HTE's public sector frameworks. HTE is now conducting this procurement exercise as part of its services to the Customers under the MSE Framework.

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