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Project Management Support for LDR Theatre 2 Upgrade and New Theatre Creation

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to directly award a contract for project management services to support urgent works associated with the upgrade and replacement of LDR Theatre 2.

LDR Theatre 2 is currently non-compliant with the latest standards and has been subject to Care Quality Commission (CQC) scrutiny. Due to operational constraints, the existing theatre cannot be released to undertake refurbishment works. As a result, the project will involve converting an existing office/clinical space within the Labour, Delivery and Recovery (LDR) area into a new operating theatre. The current theatre will subsequently be repurposed as a recovery area only.

The works are urgent and operationally critical to ensure continued compliance and safe clinical delivery.

Scope of Services

The appointed Project Manager will provide comprehensive project management support across all RIBA stages. This will include, but is not limited to:

Oversight and coordination through all RIBA stages

Support with the Building Safety Act (BSA) application process

Ensuring the Trust's compliance with statutory duties, including the appointment of the Principal Contractor (PC) and Principal Designer (PD) in accordance with the CDM Regulations and the Building Safety Act

Coordination and management of the contractor throughout the delivery phase

Supporting integration of construction activities with ongoing clinical operations to minimise disruption

Funding

The project will be funded through Central Constitutional Standards funding.

Estimated Timescales

Design work is currently underway. The appointed Project Manager will be required to mobilise rapidly to support the programme.

The Trust's objective is to achieve installation funding approval in April 2026. An attempt was made to secure funding in the 2025 financial year; however, delays in the release of central funding resulted in slow progress at risk, rendering delivery within that financial year unachievable.

Contract 1. Project Management Support for LDR Theatre 2 Upgrade and New Theatre Creation

Supplier

- Serco Limited

Contract value

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2026
- 5 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - further goods, services or works following a competitive procedure

The Trust considers that Serco is uniquely placed to deliver the required services due to its unrivalled experience and detailed knowledge of the Great Western Hospital site.

Serco has extensive understanding of the technical and commercial complexities associated with the site, including its operation as a PFI estate. The supplier has direct access to the necessary Authorised Persons and technical specialists required to support both operational requirements and contractor activities.

This level of site-specific knowledge will enable rapid mobilisation, reduce risk, minimise disruption to clinical services, and avoid delays associated with complex commercial and operational interfaces. A direct award is therefore considered necessary and proportionate to ensure timely and effective delivery of this critical project.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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