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Tender

For the provision of Dental Laboratory work - technical services and associated products

KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-06045e

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Scope

Reference

C408569

Description

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (the "Authority") is seeking to procure a laboratory service provider to support its Community and Special Care Dental Services. A dental laboratory (often referred to as a restorative laboratory) provides custom made dental appliances and restorations prescribed by dentists to restore, replace or support patients' teeth and oral structures. These items are manufactured on an individual patient basis and are essential to the delivery of primary, community and special care dentistry within the NHS.

Dental laboratories work to written prescriptions supplied by registered dental professionals and operate under UK regulatory, quality and medical device requirements.

The Authority is a large NHS community healthcare provider serving a population of approximately 1.4 million across Kent and parts of Northeast London. The requirement

supports dental services delivered to patients with complex health and social care needs, including special care dentistry, paediatric dentistry and dental services within secure and custodial settings.

Dental services are provided from multiple community clinical sites, 1 secure school, HM Prison facilities, forensic units and mobile dental units. The service supports patients who are unable to access mainstream dental provision due to physical, psychological, medical or social factors.

The Authority requires a collection and delivery service to all Community Dental Services listed in Kent and Northeast London. Royal Mail Special Delivery may be considered in some circumstances but must be agreed by the Authority.

Service provision is anticipated to start 1st June 2026 for a 3 year period, with the option to extend by a further 24 months in 12 month tranches.

Tenderers participating in procurements must register on the Central Digital Platform. Tenderers can submit their core supplier information and share this information with the Contracting Authority via the Central Digital Platform. It is free to use and will mean suppliers should no longer have to re-enter this information for each public procurement but simply ensure it is up to date and subsequently shared. The Central Digital Platform is available at <https://www.gov.uk/find-tender>.

Tenderers are required to submit their core supplier information and share it with the Contracting Authority via the Central Digital Platform by the Deadline set out in Document 1 of the ITT Pack. Part 1 of this Supplier Information Questionnaire requires Tenderers to confirm that they have taken these steps.

Full details are available on the Health Family Atamis Portal under Project Reference:

C408569.

If you are not registered, please do so via:

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Total value (estimated)

- £255,000 excluding VAT
- £306,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 months extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 February 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Finance	Finance 70%	Cost	70.00%
Quality and Technical	Quality and Technical Questions 10%	Quality	10.00%
Social Value and Sustainability	Social value and sustainability 10%	Quality	10.00%
Technical sample	Technical sample 10%	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

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