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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 - West Midlands

NHS England Midlands (West Midlands)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0608b5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England Midlands (West Midlands)

HMG Stephenson Street - 23 Stephenson Street

Birmingham

B2 4BH

Email

necsu.psrprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG - West Midlands (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

Q77

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/system-and-organisational-oversight/system-directory/midlands-region/>

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 - West Midlands

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: £20,050,605

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (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.

The final contract value is still to be finalised as it is dependent on the national NHS planning guidance which is still to be released. The contract value is £20,050,605.

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

£20,050,605 based on 21 months (plus annual population growth 0.7%, 1.25% fixed payment and national inflation/CUF); +1 year extension TBC if enacted (noting final activity modelling for extension is to be agreed due to impact of programme change/extended screening intervals as yet unknown)

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 30th 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 - West Midlands

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 January 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

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

NEW CROSS HOSPITAL

WOLVERHAMPTON

WV10 0QP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

RL4

Internet address

<https://royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/>

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: £20,050,605

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,050,605

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:

Senior Commissioning Manager - NHS England

Contracts Manager - NHS England

Senior Commissioning Manager - NHS England

Midlands SGG (Screening Governance Group) and RCG (Regional Commissioning Group)

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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