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Planning

Clinical and Pathology Microscopes 2026

SUPPLY CHAIN COORDINATION LIMITED

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

As this Tender is due to close after April 1st 2026, the requirements for Evergreen level have changed.

They were previously:

- Tenderers will need to have completed the assessment and achieved Level 1 within 12 months of the Tender Publication Date.

The requirements for Evergreen level are now:

- Tenderers will need to have completed the assessment and achieved Level 1 within the 12 months prior to the Tender Close Date.

Scope

Reference

Project_1664 - Clinical and Pathology Microscopes 2026

Description

A Framework Agreement for the procurement of Clinical and Pathology Microscopes. This will include but not limited to:

1. Theatre Microscopes includes ENT Operating Microscope, Neurological Operating Microscope and Plastics & Maxillofacial Operating Microscope
2. Outpatient Microscopes includes Colposcopes, Dental Microscope and ENT Outpatient Microscope
3. Pathology Microscopes
4. Refurbished Microscopes includes Theatre, Outpatient and Pathology

Note: For future tenders the following requirements will apply:

- ISO Certification: Tenderers must have ISO 9001: 2015 or BS EN ISO 13485:2016 or Medical Device Single Audit Program (MDAP) accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or international equivalent) to cover all segments of the Tenderer's and the product's supply chain. This should include, but not be limited to, sales, manufacturing, storage and distribution ('ISO Certification'). Link for acceptable alternatives <https://iaf.nu/en/accreditation-bodies/> ('Notified Bodies')
- CE Certification and Declaration of Conformity certificates are required where applicable to be presented at submission stage of the tender.
- Modern Slavery for Tenderers that have an annual turnover of at least £36 million must have a link to their modern slavery statement on their website
- Modern Slavery Assessment Tool (MSAT) Tenderers must have a score of 41% or

above within 12months of the Tender Publication Date via
<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>

- Evergreen Sustainable Supplier Assessment – Tenderers will need to have completed the assessment and achieved Level 1 within the 12 months prior to the Tender Close Date. Link for instructions and access for this assessment:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/>
- Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP): Tenderers must have a valid CRP link on their website that meets the requirements of PPN 006 as outlined in the PPN, OR Where Supplier has no website, the CRP is provided in PDF format that meets the requirements of PPN 006 as outlined in the PPN, OR Excused in exceptional circumstances
- Cyber Security: If you handle patient or personal data, or provide any IT systems, services, or devices you will need to have a Cyber Security Essentials Plus Certificate

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £80,000,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 December 2026 to 3 December 2028
- Possible extension to 3 December 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 38510000 - Microscopes
- 33124100 - Diagnostic devices
- 33162100 - Operating-theatre devices
- 38634000 - Optical microscopes
- 33164100 - Colposcope
- 48180000 - Medical software package
- 50420000 - Repair and maintenance services of medical and surgical equipment
- 51400000 - Installation services of medical and surgical equipment
- 50340000 - Repair and maintenance services of audio-visual and optical equipment
- 72212180 - Medical software development services
- 38511100 - Scanning electron microscopes
- 38512200 - Molecular microscopes
- 38513100 - Inverted microscopes
- 38514100 - Darkfield microscopes
- 38515000 - Fluorescent and polarising microscopes
- 38515100 - Polarising microscopes
- 38519000 - Miscellaneous compounds for microscopes
- 38518100 - Wide field microscopes

- 38519200 - Microscope objectives
- 38519660 - Microscope covers
- 38519610 - Microscope eyepieces
- 38519400 - Automated microscope stages
- 33124110 - Diagnostic systems

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 January 2026

Engagement process description

We are seeking to engage with interested suppliers who can supply the Goods detailed in the procurement description. Suppliers can express interest in the opportunity using the following link:

PORTAL ACCESS

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>

- Click on "SQs Open to All Suppliers" and search for the title of the procurement:

SQ_631– Clinical and Pathology Microscopes 2026 PME

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Click on the 'Response Form' tab.
- Answer the question in the Qualification Envelope at 1.1.1
- Click 'submit response'.

On receipt of an Expression of Interest (EOI), the Authority will issue the Supplier with a Request for Information (RFI) document, and at a later stage of pre-market engagement, the draft Specification & Product List. The RFI document and any further communication in regards of this PME activity only, will be issued via email from email address operatingmicroscopes.pme@supplychain.nhs.uk

- 10th November 2025 - 5th December 2025 - Request for Information (RFI) issued, and responses reviewed.
- 8th December 2025 - 7th January 2026 – Draft specification and product list shared with PIN/RFI respondents and interested parties for feedback.
- 8th January 2026 - 21st January 2026 – Category Team to analyse feedback and amend product list as required.
- Supplier webinar: Estimated April 2026 - Registration details to follow when date is confirmed.

Suppliers can, at any point during the engagement period (up to 7th January 2026), contact the Authority to discuss the proposed procurement by way of email to operatingmicroscopes.pme@supplychain.nhs.uk

There is no guarantee that a formal procurement process will be launched as a result of this early market engagement exercise, nor that any contract(s) will be placed. No remuneration or compensation etc will be paid to organisations who take part in this early market engagement exercise. Suppliers should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 April 2026

Contracting authority

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