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## **Supply of donated eye tissue used for corneal transplantation and other surgery**

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e483

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Holtye Road

East Grinstead

RH19 3DZ

#### **Contact**

charles.kirabo

#### **Email**

[charles.kirabo@nhs.net](mailto:charles.kirabo@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gvh.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gvh.nhs.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of donated eye tissue used for corneal transplantation and other surgery

Reference number

QVH25-45

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33184100 - Surgical implants

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Supply of donated eye tissue used for corneal transplantation and other surgery.

#### **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: £187,500

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

East Grinstead

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

At present the East Grinstead (QVH) Eye bank orders human eye tissue from accredited suppliers.

The Eye Bank assures all eye tissue products are procured to satisfy the expectations of both our service users and patients whilst in full compliance to applicable regulations and standards as prescribed by the Human Tissue Authority.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by a further two years

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

the £187500 figure covers a Five-year contract from the commencement date.  
the figure is an approximate sum, given that each cornea will be different. additionally the amount of tissue required each month will vary.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

There is corneal tissue shortage both nationally and internationally. Despite the UK supplying us with a certain amount of tissues, that number is supplemented by supply from an external supplier. This supplier (Lions World Vision Institute) is also currently on our licence for import and has already met all Human Tissue Association stipulations.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Lions World Vision Institute

1410 N. 21st St.

Tampa

FL 33605

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £187,500

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

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