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Contract

## **Soil Sample Metabarcoding for Natural England's Long Term Monitoring Network 2025 - 2026**

Natural England

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

NE011225SSM

### **Description**

This project is to analyse soil samples collected from a range of sites and time points by Natural England's Long Term Monitoring Network using metabarcoding. The project will deliver raw and taxonomically assigned data on bacteria and fungi within the samples, along with meta-data and reporting sufficient to ensure analyses are fully repeatable. As the soil samples originate from a longer term monitoring programme this project should aim to produce data comparable with previous metabarcoding analyses, as detailed in the specification.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

### **Contract value**

- £34,960.10 excluding VAT
- £41,952.12 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

9 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 12 January 2026 to 25 March 2026
- 2 months, 14 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## **Supplier**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Natural England

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