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Award

Development of ABR peer review External Quality Assurance system

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

BC-26791

Description

Development of a standard rapid Auditory Brainstem Response External Quality Assurance (ABR EQA) scheme focused on ABR traces only in partnership with Gen QA (consortium with NEQAS and the National Physical Laboratory), to facilitate national and regional ABR EQA and provide an improved measure and assurance of testing performance.

Please note that a FTS and CF award notice was published on 04/09 erroneously. These notices are being issued to rectify the issue.

Contract 1. Development of ABR peer review External Quality Assurance system

Supplier

- GENQA LTD

Contract value

- £280,000 excluding VAT
- £336,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 24 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 2 months, 8 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services
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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Due to an absence of competition for technical reasons. Para 6, Schedule 5 of PA 2023 utilised.

Lead by GenQA, the consortium - consisting of GenQa, the National Physical Laboratory and the UK National External Quality Assurance Service (UKNEQAS) - are verified as the only provider offering the combination of expertise involved and required to deliver this politically sensitive programme. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists.

GenQA is operated under the legal entity of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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