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Award

Development of ABR peer review External Quality Assurance system

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C367616

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.

The recent review into paediatric audiology within England has shown a significant gap in ABR testing, both in terms of knowledge in performing the test and in quality assurance of the testing. At the present time, the only form of quality assurance for ABR testing is through peer review. There is no national external quality assessment scheme. ABR peer review, is sporadic across the country, with a number of different groups across each area. The quality of these groups is variable, with differing governance structures and no consistent criteria for which cases are selected for review. Participation, desp

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

Award decision date

3 July 2025

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government