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Planning

NHS QA of breast screening medical physics service

NHS England

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NHS QA of breast screening medical physics service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Early market engagement for NHS QA of breast screening medical physics service

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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uptake and coverage across the whole population and within and between communities, to improve health outcomes, avoid harm, enable earlier diagnosis, intervention and help people to stay well, leaving no-one behind.

What we deliver:

- Commissioning and operational delivery of s.7a NHS public health services as delegated by the Secretary of State for Immunisation and Screening Programmes and Child Health information Services.
- Clear strategy for vaccination and screening that includes standards, guidance, and outcomes to support effective and efficient commissioning and delivery, with maximum uptake.
- National design and development of clinical standards, supporting architecture and infrastructure to support safe delivery of all national screening programmes.
- National strategies (Immunisations, Screening, CHIS), priorities and standards deployment following decisions from government and JCVI and in collaboration with regions and ICBs.
- Data (including for service delivery) and technology architecture and infrastructure.
- Coordinated supply modelling and logistical expertise and execution.

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Overview of Requirements: NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) quality assurance of breast screening medical physics service.

NHS England currently contracts an external organisation to provide scientific and technical advice to the NHSBSP. This contract is currently held by the National Co-ordinating Centre for the Physics of Mammography (NCCPM). NCCPM is contracted to test new mammographic equipment to ensure that it meets the requirements of the programme and is acceptable for use from a technical perspective. NCCPM also co-ordinates, hosts and analyses the online reporting tool in which breast screening services log equipment faults.

The service has a critical role in patient safety and is essential for assuring the NHS Breast Screening Programme that new mammography screening equipment complies with the strict medical physics requirements outlined by NHS England, ensuring the equipment meets the necessary sensitivity and specificity standards.

Please see Appendix A for further details.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No