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## **Perinatal Bereavement Pathology Testing**

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04e7f9

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The James Cook University Hospital, Marton Road

Middlesbrough

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**Region code**

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.southtees.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**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Perinatal Bereavement Pathology Testing

Reference number

C340149

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

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

Services

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

Perinatal Bereavement Pathology Testing Services

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £170,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC12 - South Teesside

Main site or place of performance

The James Cook University Hospital

Marton Road  
Middlesbrough

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

Perinatal bereavement Pathology testing Service is a sensitive service that can only be delivered by government approved trusts.

Perinatal pathology conducts autopsies for fetuses and newborns who are stillborn or die shortly after birth. Perinatal autopsy is also used to identify diseases that may have implications for future pregnancies (including genetic diseases) and therefore plays a valuable role in aiding parents to understand the cause of fetal death.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

25 February 2025

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### **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

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

The decision to award via the PSR (Provider Selection Regime) Direct award C was made by Jo Jordan and Beth Smith.

The Trust has decided to proceed with Direct Award Process C. this is due to there already being a signed SLA in place that the end users are happy with. The service will continue to be needed from Newcastle Upon Tyne Trust as advised from the centre manager.

The decision has also been made due to the other processes being unsuitable. Direct award A cannot be used as there are more than one supplier however Newcastle Upon Tyne Trust is the closest available supplier to provide which stops delays in results due to transport increasing patient outcomes.

Direct award B wasn't suitable as the patients aren't to be offered a range of health care providers for the service.

Proposed by the service user to award to Newcastle for 3 years running from the current expiry date 31/03/2025

