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Awarded contract

## **Coroner Service – Body Storage, Mortuary Provision, Histology & Toxicology**

Buckinghamshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Buckinghamshire Council

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Coroner Service – Body Storage, Mortuary Provision, Histology & Toxicology

Reference number

DN509662

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to place two contracts – one for the body storage, mortuary provision and histology (Lot 1), and one for toxicology (Lot 2). The contracts will commence on site on 1st April 2021 and end on the 31st March 2026. The contracts may be extended by one further 2 year period, and then one further 1 year period.

The Buckinghamshire Coroner jurisdiction covers the territorial county of Buckinghamshire, excluding Milton Keynes. The coronial jurisdiction contains major transport links consisting of motorways, A-roads, underground and mainline railways, as well as an airport. It also has one healthcare trust, a mental health unit and two prisons. As with all Coroners, the Buckinghamshire Coroner works to the Coroners & Justice Act 2009.

The current population of Buckinghamshire is 540,000 and with 13% growth anticipated by 2036.

There is a well-established Medical Examiner Service in place at Stoke Mandeville Hospital which reviews all hospital deaths, and there is a statutory requirement for this to include all community deaths by April 2022.

This Contract award notice is for Lot 2 only. Lot 1 has not yet been awarded.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £242,338

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Toxicology Provision

Lot No

2

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

Lot 2 - The Service Provider will be required to analyse tissue and body fluids obtained during the post mortem examination for the detection of substances and assist the Coroner to investigate sudden and unexplained deaths within their area of remit, in accordance with the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will initially be for a five year period. The contract will commence on the 1st April 2021 and end on the 31st March 2026. The contract may be extended by 1 further 2 year period, and then 1 further 1 year period

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 227-560765](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

DN509662

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Toxicology Provision

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

16 March 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

8 Beech Hill Road

Sheffield

S10 2SB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE32 - Sheffield

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £242,338

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Buckinghamshire Council

Walton Street

Aylesbury

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Country

United Kingdom