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Contract

## **Fertility service for preservation and use of reproductive tissue for service users who cannot store mature eggs/sperm who are at high/very high risk of infertility - Competitive Process**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-008220

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0428bb

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

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

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**Country**

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**Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Fertility service for preservation and use of reproductive tissue for service users who cannot store mature eggs/sperm who are at high/very high risk of infertility - Competitive Process

Reference number

C371608

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England (referred to as the Authority), is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to respond to this Competitive Process for the provision of a Fertility service for preservation and use of reproductive tissue for service users who cannot store mature eggs/sperm who are at high/very high risk of infertility.

\* Lot 1 - Hub - (2 providers - 1 provider to cover North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber and Midlands NHS Regions and 1 provider to cover East of England, London, South East and South West NHS Regions)

\* Lot 2 - Tissue Establishment - (2 providers - 1 provider to cover North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber and Midlands NHS Regions and 1 provider to cover East of England, London, South East and South West NHS Regions)

\* Lot 3 - Fertility & Endocrine Restoration Services (2 providers - 1 provider to cover North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber and Midlands NHS Regions and 1 provider to cover East of England, London, South East and South West NHS Regions)

The contract start date is 1st April 2026 with a service commencement date of no later than 1st July 2026.

The contract period is 5 years with Commissioners having the option to extend for up to a further 58 months.

Please note that the contract value included in II.1.7.1 is the estimated contract value that was included in the contract notice and was based on the total contract period including optional extensions. The values included in the 'suppliers awarded' sections of individual notices are the intended contract award values over the initial contract period only and excludes any optional extension periods. All values are inclusive of VAT.

### 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: £48,194,228

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Hub

Lot No

1

**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**

As detailed in the Competitive Process documentation.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The decision maker of the award will be: NHS England - National Commissioning Group. The intention is to award contracts using the Competitive Process.

The announcement by Government, on 13th March 2025, will not disrupt commissioning and contracting of this service. NHS England continues to exist as a statutory body for now. The dissolution of NHS England during the term of the contract will be subject to an act of Parliament and its undertakings will be transferred as appropriate. As and when NHS England is dissolved, commissioning responsibilities will be transferred to an alternative commissioning authority. At this time, the General Condition 12 'Assignment and Sub-Contracting' of the NHS Standard Contract, as per the obligations of the commissioner, will set out the terms and conditions under which the contract will be transferred or assigned to the relevant commissioning authority.

Please note the value included at V.2.4.1 is the initial Lot 1 contract value over the whole contract period including extensions. The values included under the individual awarded providers are for the initial contract period of 5 years only.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria / Weighting: 57

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value - Key Criteria / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Value - Key Criteria / Weighting: 33

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

## Description of options

There is an option to extend for up to an additional 58 months following the initial 5 year contract 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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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Group on 20th January 2026. No conflicts of Interest were identified amongst decision makers.

Key Criteria were weighted as follows:

Lot 1:

- Quality & Innovation 27%
- Value 33%
- Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability 22%
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice 8%
- Social Value 10%

Lot 2:

- Quality & Innovation 42%
- Value 33%
- Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability 13%
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice 2%
- Social Value 10%

Lot 3:

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- Value 33%
- Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability 22%
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## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2 - Tissue Establishment

Lot No

2

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

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value - Key Criteria / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Remaining Key Criteria / Weighting: 57

Cost criterion - Name: Value - Key Criteria / Weighting: 33

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 3 - Fertility & Endocrine Restoration Service

Lot No

3

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

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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: No

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

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

Notice number: [2025/S 000-040126](#)

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

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 - Hub

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 January 2026

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

Number of tenders received: 5

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

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

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £16,498,967

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,347,429

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

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 - Hub

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 January 2026

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

Number of tenders received: 5

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

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

NHS Lothian

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £16,498,967

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,821,756

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Lot No**

2

**Title**

Lot 2 - Tissue Establishment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

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

20 January 2026

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

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £20,634,320

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,674,978

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

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 - Tissue Establishment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 January 2026

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £20,634,320

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,762,905

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Lot No**

3

**Title**

Lot 3 - Fertility & Endocrine Restoration Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 January 2026

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

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £11,060,940

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,216,662

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

### **Lot No**

3

## **Title**

Lot 3 - Fertility & Endocrine Restoration Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 January 2026

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

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £11,060,940

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,680,393

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

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