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Planning

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Scope

Reference

C408048

Description

The Authority is seeking a reliable, multi-tiered taxi and private hire provision to support the 24/7 movement of patients, staff, and medical items (including medical records and pathology specimens) across five primary hospital sites. This contract utilises a Cascade Model to ensure 100% fulfilment and incorporates a significant Social Value element regarding maternity transport.

The Authority anticipates a multi-provider award to ensure geographic resilience.

Geographical Scope of Sites

The Provider must provide comprehensive coverage to, from, and between the following locations:

Kent and Canterbury Hospital (KCH): Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NG

William Harvey Hospital (WHH): Kennington Road, Ashford, TN24 0LZ

Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital (QEQM): College Road, Margate, CT9 4AN

Buckland Hospital (BHD): Coombe Valley Road, Dover, CT17 0HD

Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH): Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, CT19 5BN

The following services required but not limited to:

Patient Journeys

Non-emergency transport for eligible patients and service users.

Staff Journeys

Business-critical travel, inter-site meetings, and out-of-hours shifts.

Movement of Goods

Urgent transport of medical records, pathology specimens, and bloods.

Driver & Vehicle Standards

All drivers must be DBS-cleared and trained in handling sensitive medical goods (e.g., specimens).

Vehicles must be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness, reflecting the healthcare environment.

Total value (estimated)

- £430,000 excluding VAT
- £516,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKJ44 - East Kent

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 March 2026

Engagement process description

C408048 Taxis & Courier Transport Services

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 March 2026

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government