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Award

RISOH support and maintenance

Business Services Organisation

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Scope

Reference

DAC20003

Description

The Regional Information System for Oncology and Haematology (RISOH) is critical regional system for Northern Ireland Cancer Services. The system provides invaluable information for clinicians in the monitoring and planning of patient's cancer treatment. Varian Medical Systems provide 24/7 maintenance and support for the RISOH system. If this system is not supported and maintained there would be a significant risk to patients' welfare and no electronic method of recording the patient's cancer journey.

Business Services Organisation previously direct awarded £624,777 to Varian for for RISOH Support and maintenance.

It is our intention to complete a further Direct Award to the value of £550,000. We wish to enter into a Contract until 31st March 2029. It is expected that there will a replacement system in place by the 31st March 2029.

This notice has been published to replace a previous notice which we have been unable to link - ocds-h6vhtk-04e938.

Contract 1. RISOH support and maintenance

Supplier

- [Varian Medical Systems UK Limited](#)

Contract value

- £550,000 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 April 2025 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

Varian Health Systems have been the supplier of the RISOH system since it was implemented in 2013. Due to the complexity of the system, there are no other providers who could provide this system within the time frame. Replacing the system or support contract would lead to a risk to patient safety.? The system is due to be replaced by the end of this Contract.

We wish to reply on schedule 5 section 5 (a) due to Varian having the intellectual property rights. They are the only supplier able to provide the services.

Supplier

Varian Medical Systems UK Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Business Services Organisation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCQH-8657-NGMT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland