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Planning

Norfolk Coroner post mortem CT Scanning service

Norfolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCCT42893

Description

This is a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (PMEN) for information purposes only. It is not a formal invitation to tender. You will need to respond to the tender notice in order to be considered for these contracts. Norfolk County Council are the relevant authority for the Norfolk Coroners Service. We wish to enter into a contract to provide digital autopsy (CT scanning) services for the Coroner for the county of Norfolk. Digital Autopsy/CT Scanning is used as first line intervention as an alternative to traditional post-mortem examinations within Norfolk. Patients are scanned via a CT Scanner and images from the scan are then used by specially trained radiologists and coroners' pathologists to assist in ascertaining a cause of death. It is anticipated that a cause of death can be ascertained in approximately 75% of cases where patients have been scanned. This avoids the need to use the more traditional invasive approach to post mortem in these cases.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £22,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 9 November 2035
- Possible extension to 9 November 2045
- 20 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

22 April 2025

Engagement process description

This is a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (PMEN) for information purposes only. It is not a formal invitation to tender. You will need to respond to the tender notice in order to be considered for these contracts. The purpose of this PMEN is to maximise transparency and competition for the upcoming tender notice. All details in this PMEN are subject to being updated or changed in the tender notice. We are publishing this notice to share engagement outputs and to ensure as wider audience as possible are aware and informed of Norfolk County Council's intentions. Market engagement has taken place. The engagement was advertised under a prior information notice (PIN) published under the Public Contract 2015 regulations. 2024/S 000-002954. The market was invited to participate in 1 to 1 discussions (maximum 1 hour) during the fortnight of 5th February before an event was held face to face (approx. 3 hours) to all those interested parties who responded to the PIN, at Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Norwich on 27th February 2025. Information provided at the engagement in the form of slides and notes are available to be viewed via the clarification tab. These documents can be viewed by registering on the NCC in-tend portal, expressing an interest in this tender. The PMEN fulfils the requirement for a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice to be issued under the Procurement Act 2023. A tender notice will be published to advertise this opportunity. Norfolk County Council engaged with the market prior to tendering for a contract to provide digital autopsy (CT scanning) services for the Coroner for the county of Norfolk. Norfolk County Council are the relevant authority for the Norfolk Coroners Service. We wish to enter into a contract to provide digital autopsy (CT scanning) services for the Coroner for the county of Norfolk.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government