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Award

Automating Histopathology Sectioning with AS-410M Auto Slide preparation system.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Procurement of Automating Histopathology Sectioning with AS-410M Auto Slide preparation system.

Contract 1. Automating Histopathology Sectioning with AS-410M

Auto Slide preparation system.

Supplier

- Syntec Scientific Ltd.

Contract value

- £905,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Belfast Health & Social Care Trust intends to award this direct award contract without competition under Procurement Act 2023 - Section 41 and Schedule 5. For the AS 410M Auto Slide Preparation System is an automated histology sectioning platform that cuts paraffin blocks and produces consistent, high quality slides with minimal manual input. It streamlines microtomy, slide mounting, drying, and barcode based traceability, helping the laboratory increase throughput and reduce pressure on staff. Syntec Scientific Ltd. are the sole supplier and authorised technical support provider for the AS 410M Auto Slide Preparation System. No alternative supplier is able to provide a system that meets the required technical specifications or integrates with the authority's existing histopathology infrastructure.

Supplier

Syntec Scientific Ltd.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMTH-1413-TRPH

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Contracting authority

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland