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Planning

## Wound Closure

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

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<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/>

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Wound Closure

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The scope of the intended framework covers the full range of various sizes and types of products that are used to close wounds or tissue approximation. Including: sutures, haemostats, tissue adhesives, suture needles, skin staplers and wound closure strips.

Lot 1: Sterile Sutures and Needles: absorbable and non-absorbable sutures and a range of needle sizes.

Lot 2: Haemostats: flowables, fabrics, gauze, sheets, sponges, powders, gels, snows, sprays and sealants.

Lot 3: Tissue Adhesives.

Lot 4: External Skin Staplers and Staple Removers.

Lot 5: Wound Closure Strips

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £77,900,000 to £87,300,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment/bulk buy initiatives

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

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

Sterile Sutures and Needles

Lot No

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

- 33141121 - Surgical sutures
- 33141128 - Needles for sutures

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Absorbable and non-absorbable sutures and a range of needles

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £43,000,000 to £47,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Haemostats

Lot No

2

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

- 33141127 - Absorbable haemostatics

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Flowables and non flowables - fabrics, gauze, sheets, sponges, powders, gels, sprays, snows and sealants.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £25,000,000 to £29,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

### **II.2) Description**

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

Tissue Adhesives

Lot No

3

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

- 24911200 - Adhesives

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Tissue adhesives in the use of wound closure.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the

region of £8,000,000 to £9,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

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

External Skin Staplers and Staple Removers

Lot No

4

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

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

External skin staplers and staple removers for the use in wound closure.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £1,300,000 to £1,500,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Wound Closure Strips

Lot No

5

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

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wound Closure Strips

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £600,000 to £800,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

**II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 October 2024

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**Section IV. Procedure**
**IV.1) Description****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

NHS Supply Chain is currently considering the use of Lots for this procurement. However, it reserves the right not to as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the Lot strategy will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants may be required to include evidence of this within their tender submission:

- ISO 9001: 2015 accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) to cover all segments of the Applicant's and the product's supply chain. This should include, but not be limited to, manufacturing, storage and distribution. If Quality Assurance Standard certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain.
  
- Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation 2017/745, (where applicable).
  
- MHRA registration of any medical devices, in compliance with the Medical Devices Regulations 2022, (SI 2022 No 618, as amended), (UK MDR 2022).

- The Insurance set out below, acceptable evidence of which should be an Insurance Certificate or a signed Broker's letter.

- > Employers liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant
- > Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant
- > Product Liability Insurance cover of £5m in the name of the Applicant

NHS Supply Chain will assess the Applicant's economic and financial standing (or that of the entity or entities the Applicant is relying upon). Documentary evidence of this will be required at tender stage.

All Applicants for this future tender must have a compliant Carbon Reduction Plan to be considered for the Framework Agreement (PPN 06/21).

This future Framework Agreement will include some qualitative evaluation questions on Social Value with a minimum weighting of 10% towards the award (PPN 06/20).

All Applicants bidding to be on any NHS Supply Chain Frameworks must submit an Evergreen Assessment as part of the tendering process. This must be completed annually, and the maturity score will be valid for 12 months.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/>

As a minimum (and further requirements may be set out in the tender documents), Applicants are required to have a Modern Slavery Assessment (MSAT) completed within 12 months of the future tender close date (PPN 02/23).

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain anticipates engaging with suppliers of these products via an expression of interest and a Request for Information (RFI). Please follow the guidance below:

#### PORTAL ACCESS

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>
- Click on “SQs Open to All Suppliers”.

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Find “SQ\_xxx SQ TITLE” and click on the blue text.
- Click on the ‘EXPRESS INTEREST’ button in the top right corner.

#### RFI

- The Request for Information Document will be available in the Qualification envelope and attachments tab. The closing date for responses to the RFI will be indicated here.
- Responses to the RFI should be returned as an attachment to a message in the SQ.