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Contract

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Urgent Award

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0653e5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Urgent Award

Reference number

C407975

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an contract award notice to inform the market of the urgent award to University of Edinburgh (UoE) for a period of 18 months.

This urgent award is to allow sufficient time to undertake a review to determine the future service requirements for Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) service provision.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £926,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) provides access to highly specialist testing and clinical advice for clinicians and patients with suspected or diagnosed forms of CJD. The service is for patients across England and the devolved nations.

NHSE assumed commissioning and funding responsibility for the service on 1 April 2025 from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The diagnostics/clinical advice service is currently provided by the University of Edinburgh. Surveillance is now led by the public health systems in each nation independently, but data is collated and reported collectively on behalf of the UK by UKHSA.

This is an contract award notice to inform the market of the urgent award under the Health Care Services Provider Selection Regime Regulations 2023 (PSR), regulation 14 to University of Edinburgh. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The contract length is from 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2026. The urgent award has been made to preserve continued access to diagnostic testing, post-mortem neuropathology and expert clinical advice. To note that the clinical advice element is until 31st March 2026.

This will also allow sufficient time to undertake a review to determine the future service requirements for Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) service provision followed by a procurement process under PSR.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

To preserve continued access to diagnostic testing, post-mortem neuropathology and expert clinical advice whilst a review of the future service requirements are undertaken.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 February 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £926,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £926,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

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