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Contract

EMIS OpenSAFELY Redevelopment

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C405364

Description

Contract with Optum for software development to enable processing of GP data for the OpenSAFELY service

Contract 2. Open Safely Redevelopment

Supplier

- Egton Medical Information Services Limited

Contract value

- £1,894,000 excluding VAT
- £2,272,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

17 January 2026

Contract dates

- 17 January 2026 to 17 January 2027
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Development services contract with fixed and timebound milestones set to measure performance rather than ongoing KPIs.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

OpenSAFELY was established during the COVID pandemic to provide access to researchers to general practice data in a way that maintains the privacy of patient data. In June 2023 the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) requested that NHS England operate the service. It is a requirement of OpenSAFELY that there is a dedicated instance set up in the GP suppliers' data centres to query the practice data. To enable the OpenSAFELY to access the records of patients in these practices a dedicated instance is required in the Optum datacentre (being a major GP system supplier).

This new contract award will be for the development of an OpenSAFELY environment to open access and interrogate pseudonymised GP data that is only stored by the Optum GP system.

It is justified under Section 41 (1) (a) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

NHS England

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government