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Contract

Provision of Clinical Pathology Services

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-06565a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

DL36HX

Email

cddft.sclprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

211212300

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://cddft.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

Provision of Clinical Pathology Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust have a requirement for lab testing services. The service includes testing a wide range of patient and environment specimens to detect the presence of pathogenic microorganisms.

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: £500,941.26

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust have a requirement for lab testing services and intends to award a contract to an existing provider following Direct Award Process C under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

The estimated value of the contract is £500,941.26 (VAT Not Applicable)

The services are intended to be provided for a term of 12 months from 1st March 2026 with an optional extension for 2X12 months.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12 months extensions

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 27/02/2026.

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR using direct award process C.

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

2 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust

Gateshead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

RR7

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: £500,941.26

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,941.26

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Award decision-makers:

Nicola Sherriff

Christina Parks

Based on the assessment and PSR decision making process (taking into account, key criteria; quality, value, integration, inequalities and access), the authority intends to award a contract to an existing provider following Direct Award Process C under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR).

The authority is proposing a new contract to replace the existing contract at the end of its term and the proposed contracting arrangements are not changing considerably.

The authority is of the view that the existing provider is satisfying the contract to a sufficient standard and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard.

Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by midnight on 27/02/2026 (8 working days from publication) via email to: cddft.sclprocurement@nhs.net

No conflicts of interest were identified during the procurement process.

No subcontracting is expected.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

DL36HX

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://cddft.nhs.uk/>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Position: Chief Finance Officer