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Planning

## **Transfer, handling, storage and/ or final disposition of deceased individuals**

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C395199

### **Description**

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the "Authority") delivers acute hospital services across two major district general hospitals: Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (GRH) and Cheltenham General Hospital (CGH). The Authority provides healthcare services to a population of approximately 641,000 residents, spanning seven locality areas: South Cotswolds, North Cotswolds, Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, and Stroud & Berkeley Vale.

This Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) relates to the transfer, handling, storage and/ or final disposition of deceased individuals of all ages, including adults, children, infants, neonates, stillbirths and foetal remains, across all Authority Sites.

The services must be delivered in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the

deceased and Family Representatives, and upholds the highest standards of dignity, respect, and sensitivity.

This services encompasses the following key components:

- Transport of Deceased Patients.
- Hospital Funeral Services.
- Foetal Cremation Services.
- Storage for Deceased Persons under Special Circumstances.

Additional Services (as required):

- Internal Collection and Transfer of Deceased.
- Provision of Additional Surge Mortuary Capacity.

This PME seeks to notify the market of an upcoming procurement and invite expressions of interest from potential suppliers for structured PME activities. These include completion of a supplier questionnaire and attendance at virtual information and feedback session

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 24 August 2026 to 23 August 2033
- 7 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371110 - Cemetery services
- 98371000 - Funeral services
- 98371120 - Cremation services
- 98371100 - Cemetery services and cremation services
- 98371200 - Undertaking services
- 39296100 - Coffins

## **Contract locations**

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

20 March 2026

### **Engagement process description**

The market engagement documentation is available for unrestricted and direct access, free of charge, via the Health Family e-Sourcing portal (Atamis) at: <https://health->

[family.force.com/s/Welcome](https://family.force.com/s/Welcome).

Suppliers interested in this opportunity are invited to register their interest by accessing the Atamis e-Sourcing portal and searching for Atamis Reference: C395199.

Requests to participate must be submitted electronically via Atamis. Upon registration, suppliers will be granted access to the published materials, which include the Market Engagement Questionnaire. Respondents are encouraged to review and complete this questionnaire as part of the engagement process.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

5 May 2026

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## **Contracting authority**

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Region: UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government