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Forensic Histology Services

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
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The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent
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Scope

Reference

C20134

Description

Forensic Pathology Services Histology Element Histology often assists with the pathologist determining a precise cause of death and is therefore a pivotal requirement in support of the coronial and criminal justice process

Contract 1. Forensic Histology Services

Suppliers

Supplier not yet selected

Contract value

- £237,500 excluding VAT
- £285,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

12 month optional extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111800 - Pathology services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Changes in technology and in processes that alter or enhance the service offered by the supplier.

Changes in the requirements of the case submission process.

Changes in Force vetting requirements.

Changes in accreditations or standards held or required by the supplier that affect the service or the suppliers ability to deliver the service.

Changes in home office approval requirements that affect the service or the suppliers ability to deliver the service.

Changes in legislation that impact or affect the terms of this contract.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

- a) Due to absence of competition for technical reasons, only one particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required and
- b) There are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services

Contracting authorities

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGQM-8624-MNJX

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Region: UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMYD-4367-RCGW

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPMD-2748-DXXY

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The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex

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The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLZD-7548-CLJY

Kent Police HQ, Sutton Road

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Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDLT-3241-XVCD

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Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk for any enquiries.