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Award

Provision of Toxicology Services

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

C014PA

Description

Essex Coroner Service procured a supplier for the provision of toxicology services on behalf of his Majesty's Coroner. The contract requirement includes;

1. Collection of samples from Coroners approved Mortuaries
2. Testing of samples
3. Production of a report to support the pathologist in determining the cause of death

Contract will run from April 2026 for an initial period of 3 years with possible extensions of 24 months

Contract 1. C014PA Provision of Toxicology Services

Supplier

- SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Contract value

- £838,000 excluding VAT
- £1,005,600 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

18 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 3 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

4 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Agreement term for the contract will be 3 years with an option to extend for a period of 24 months. The decision to offer extension of the Agreement with is at the sole discretion of Essex County Council.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RHQ
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYZV-3517-VQCJ

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Sheffield

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Website: <http://www.sth.co.uk/>

Region: UKE32 - Sheffield

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

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government