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## **Supply of Equipment & Consumables for Point of Care Hemoglobin Testing Analyser**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045a75

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Blood and Transplant

500 North Bristol Park

Bristol

BS34 7QH

#### **Contact**

Jo Murphy

#### **Email**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Equipment & Consumables for Point of Care Hemoglobin Testing Analyser

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38434520 - Blood analysers

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is separate to any tender opportunity and not related in any form whatsoever to any subsequent activity that NHSBT may wish to pursue. The purpose of this PIN is to consult the market to improve NHSBT's knowledge on the status of manufacturer(s) or economic operator(s) that can supply a commercially available haemoglobin analyser for pre-donation screening of whole blood, platelet and plasma donors. It is the intention of NHSBT to further consult and engage with only those manufacturer(s) and economic operator(s) who meet the outline requirements.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Per year, NHSBT collects circa 1.5 million whole blood donations, 170,000 apheresis platelet donations and 70,000 sourced plasma donations. Prior to acceptance for

donation, all donors must undergo haemoglobin (Hb) screening to determine their levels meet the appropriate, acceptable thresholds (Female: 125 - 164g/L. Male: 135 - 179g/L) as per the UKs BSQR guidelines.

NHSBT requires a direct contractual relationship with either the manufacturer or any other economic operator for the supply of haemoglobin analyser equipment and all the necessary consumables to carry out the safe, efficient and accurate pre-donation screening of blood donors. The service must also include the installation, maintenance, calibration and repair of equipment, where equipment is expected to have a minimum 2 year warranty period and must be CE/UKCA marked.

Nationally, there are 80+ blood collection teams in NHSBT and therefore, a requirement to source in the region of 600 machines (6+ devices per team).

It is NHSBTs' intention to engage with the market to gather detailed information about the market capabilities for this type of service. The format for this will be communicated to those that respond to this PIN.

Supplier Engagement days are likely to be a face to face and located at one of the main NHSBT sites. Expressions of interest should be e-mailed to [jo.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk) by no later than 12:00 hours on 15/06/2024.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 November 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes