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Contract

TB Testing

NHS SURREY HEARTLANDS INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

NHS Organisation Data Service

QXU

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NHS

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

TB Testing

Reference number

85111810-1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This one off service provision is required to undertake blood tests to screen a group of 41 individuals, identified by UKSHA, as being at risk of TB infection due to contact in an educational established, a College.

The most relevant CPV code is thought to be 85111810-1 for blood analysis services.

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: £3,359.09

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Surrey

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Urgent TB screening requirement due to the high risk of spread of TB infection identified in an education establishment, college, situation with high levels of pupil and staff throughput. It is

imperative that the identified cohort is tested as soon as possible to reduce risk of wider infection and spread. This contract is awarded due to an urgent circumstance.

The requirement is for a phlebotomy service to take blood from 41 people. The blood test will be an IGRA. The provider is also required to report the results to UKHSA.

Current service providers for TB screening do not have capacity for community screening of more than 10 patients in any one episode of active TB, consequently blood tests and

processing needed to be outsourced.

The lifetime value of the contract is £3,359.09 for screening of all impacted people on a single day, 23rd April 2025.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: To address immediate risks to safety and quality of care /

Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Our current service providers for TB do not have capacity for community screening of more than 10 patients in any one episode of active TB. They can provide clinical support with regards to symptom checking and urgent referrals if necessary but the blood tests and processing need to be outsourced. The urgency is to the infectious nature of TB and the nature of an educational establishment situation with high levels of pupil and staff (and potentially visitor) throughput. It is imperative that the identified cohort are tested as soon as possible to reduce risk of wider

spread.

The provider selected supplies an "on request" national service for rapid tuberculosis diagnostics via blood test*. They are one of two organisations providing the service, with the other covering only London.

Clinical recommendation for screening and possible use of this provider from UKSHA.

The requirement is for a phlebotomy service to take blood from 41 people. The blood test will be an IGRA. The provider is also required to report the results to UKHSA.

*The T-SPOT TB blood test is able to identify latent infections which, if left undiagnosed and untreated, may lead to active disease and further transmission to others.

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:

There are limited occasions where relevant authorities may need to act urgently and award or modify contracts to address immediate risks to patient or public safety.

These circumstances include where:

- a new service needs to be arranged rapidly in an unforeseen emergency or local, regional or

national crisis, e.g., to deal with a pandemic

- urgent quality/safety concerns pose risks to patients or the public and necessitate rapid changes

- an existing provider is suddenly unable to provide services under an existing contract (for

example, a provider becomes insolvent or experiences a sudden lack of critical workforce)

and a new provider needs to be found.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES ABOVE ARE MET.

In urgent situations, relevant authorities may make the following decisions without following

the steps required under this regime:

- re-award contracts held by the existing provider(s)
- award contract(s) for new services

- award contract(s) for considerably changed services
- make contract modifications (without limitation).

THE SECOND BULLET POINT ABOVE IS REQUIRED IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE.

An urgent award or modification must only be made by a relevant authority when all the below apply:

- the award or modification must be made urgently
- the reason for the urgency was not foreseeable by and is not attributable to the relevant authority
- delaying the award of the contract to conduct a full application of the regime would be likely to pose a risk to patient or public safety.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES ABOVE ARE MET.

justification for using the urgent circumstances exemption:

The current service providers for TB do not have capacity for community screening of more than 10 patients in any one episode of active TB. The urgency is to the infectious nature of TB and the educational establishment being a college with high levels of pupil staff and potentially visitor throughput. It

is imperative that the identified cohort are tested as soon as possible to reduce risk of wider spread.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

23 April 2025

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

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Abingdon

OX14 4SE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

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Internet address

<https://www.revvity.com/gb-en>

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: £3,359.09

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,359.09

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract has been awarded under the urgent circumstances provision of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR). This contract has been awarded under 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.

Surrey Heartland ICB, as a relevant authority, considers that the award of this service is urgent due to the high risk of spread of TB infection. The service is required to undertake blood tests to screen a group of individuals, identified by UKSHA, as being at risk of TB infection due to educational locality contact.

The contract is for a single day, 23rd April 2024.

Decisions makers for this contract are:

Clinical recommendation from UK Health Security Agency Ruth Acott.

Surrey Heartlands ICB personnel:

Clare Stone, ICS Director of Multi-Professional Leadership and Chief Nursing Officer

No conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest were identified amongst those making the decision to award.

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and the educational establishment being a college with high levels of pupil and staff (and potentially visitor) throughput. It

is imperative that the identified cohort are tested as soon as possible to reduce risk of wider spread.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Surrey Heartlands ICB and UKSHA

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GU21 5BH

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