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Contract

## **Evaluation of Emergency Department blood borne virus testing**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d74e

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

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

NHS England

1st Floor, Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Contact**

Commercial Contract Manager

#### **Email**

[england.commercialqueries@nhs.net](mailto:england.commercialqueries@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Evaluation of Emergency Department blood borne virus testing

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Evaluation of Emergency Department blood borne virus testing

#### **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: £400,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

National

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

The evaluation of the Emergency Department (ED) Blood borne virus (BBV) opt out testing project. As part of the Government's HIV Action Plan published in Dec 2021 the Government committed to provide £20m of funding to NHS

England across three years to support the introduction of opt-out testing for HIV in 34 EDs in locations with the highest prevalence of HIV diagnosed.

This will support efforts to achieve the Government target of zero HIV transmissions in England by 2030. We have partnered with the NHSE Eliminating Hepatitis C programme team to include Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C testing in a BBV testing approach.

UKHSA and academic partners will undertake monitoring and evaluation to optimise the opt-out testing programme in terms of individual and public health benefits as well as value for money, a three-pronged evaluation approach is proposed: combining public health monitoring and evaluation, economic evaluation (collecting mainly quantitative data) as well as implementation optimisation / behavioural science research (collecting mainly qualitative data) to guide optimisation and standardisation and any future roll-out of ED testing in lower prevalence sites.

Available demographic data on age, sex, ethnicity and deprivation (based on IMD of home address) will be used to investigate differences in testing and diagnosis to explore inequalities related to testing and accessing of treatment.

This analysis will support sites in targeting interventions (e.g. assertive outreach and increased use of peer support) at populations who are less likely to engage and maintain contact with treatment services, and thus align our work with CORE5PLUS aims.

This project has seen considerable early successes. External evaluation will ensure that we maximise the learning opportunities to inform clinical practice and BBV policy, and to demonstrate that this approach is both effective in reaching disadvantaged groups and cost effective.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **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:

Criteria for STA: One economic operator due to exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Justification of STA Criteria and Reason: UKHSA is responsible for surveillance of HIV and viral hepatitis in England. This evaluation requires the matching of site level reported data with the national surveillance data, and UKHSA is the only organisation able to do this.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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 May 2023

#### **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**

UK HEALTH SECURITY AGENCY (UKHSA)

3rd Floor, 2 Rivergate

Bristol

BS1 6EH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £400,000

Lowest offer: £400,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The High Court

The Strand

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Internet address

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