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## **SNBTS Nucleic Acid Extraction System**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047c57

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

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

The Jack Copland Centre, 52 Research Avenue North, Heriot-Watt Research Park

Edinburgh

EH14 4BE

#### **Contact**

Sara Maciver

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

SNBTS Nucleic Acid Extraction System

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

- 38434520 - Blood analysers

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

Supplies

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

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS), part of NHS National Services Scotland (NHS NSS) ("Health Board") are commencing a Procurement Exercise for a new nucleic acid extraction system, based at the Jack Copland Centre, Edinburgh.

This would be used to perform confirmatory Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) testing on all blood, tissue and cell donations that are reactive in the initial screening assays. The National Microbiology Reference Unit (NMRU) also performs NAT screening on any blood, tissue and cell donations that fail, or are not suitable for NAT testing, on the automated Donor Testing platforms.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service

Jack Copland Centre

52 Research Avenue North

Heriot-Watt Research Park

Edinburgh

EH14 4BE

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

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To enable the Health Board to develop the specification for the procurement of the above equipment, any interested and qualified suppliers for this specialist equipment wishing to participate in a market evaluation process should note interest by responding to this PIN, or contacting:

Sara Maciver

Buyer, Equipping Sourcing Team

NHS National Procurement

with contact details as noted in Section I.1 of this Notice.

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

2 September 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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