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## **Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy hubs for Melanoma (Adults)**

NHS England

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**1 July 2025, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

NHS England

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#### **Contact**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy hubs for Melanoma (Adults)

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU), on behalf of NHS England -Specialised Commissioning (referred to as the Authority), is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to respond to this Competitive Process for the provision of Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy hubs for Melanoma (Adults).

As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful bidder(s) for a period of three (3) years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional two (2) year(s) (maximum contract duration 5 years).

The deadline for submissions is 12.00pm (noon) on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

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

Value excluding VAT: £69,970,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - London (2 Sites)

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with two (2) sites in London.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

Link to NHS England Regions:

NHS England » Regional teams (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>).

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The deadline for submissions is 12.00pm (noon) on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £17,470,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - East of England (1 Site)

Lot No

2

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

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the East of England.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

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The deadline for submissions is 12.00pm (noon) on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,740,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - South East (1 Site)

Lot No

3

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the South East.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,740,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030



This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - South West (1 Site)

Lot No

4

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for

previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the South West.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

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

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,740,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 - Midlands (1 Site)

Lot No

5

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the Midlands.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

Link to NHS England Regions:

NHS England » Regional teams (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>).

As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful bidder(s) for a period of three (3) years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional two (2) year(s) (maximum contract duration 5 years).

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

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,740,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an

additional 2 year(s)

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6 - North East and Yorkshire (1 Site)

Lot No

6

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the North East and Yorkshire.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

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NHS England » Regional teams (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>).

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

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#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,740,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 October 2025

End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 7 - North West (1 Site)

Lot No

7

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, with one (1) site in the North West.

Providers may only bid for one Lot. Bids submitted for multiple lots will not be considered.

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

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### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

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End date

30 October 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial 3 year contract period, there is an option to extend for up to an additional 2 year(s)

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

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



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

24 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

1 July 2025

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 21 December 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

24 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

The key objectives of the Procurement are to commission eight (8) Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL) Therapy Hubs for adult patients, for the provision of Lifileucel for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma, across seven (7) geographical lots as outlined below, to serve the population of England.

Lot 1: London (2 sites)  
Lot 2: East of England (1 site)  
Lot 3: South East (1 site)  
Lot 4: South West (1 site)  
Lot 5: Midlands (1 site)  
Lot 6: North East and Yorkshire (1 site)  
Lot 7: North West (1 site)

Bidders are to note that Providers must be located in and deliver services from the defined geographical area(s) that they are interested in providing services to.

Link to NHS England Regions:

NHS England » Regional teams (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/>).

Lifileucel is a first in class autologous tumour infiltrating lymphocyte (TIL) cell therapy. This infusion is followed by a short course of interleukin-2 (IL-2). IL-2 is a potent drug and has the potential to cause significant side effects. As such, it is recommended that patients receive treatment at a Trust with immediate access to Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU).

Lifileucel is being assessed via NICE's technology appraisal programme for previously treated unresectable or metastatic melanoma in adults, with an expected final guidance publication date of 10th December 2025.

Link for the current NICE paperwork:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ta10752>

Providers are required to be an established site for the delivery of specialist skin cancer care that complies with the requirements as set out in the following specification:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Cancer-skin-adult.pdf>

Providers must also;

- Have access to surgical expertise which enables them to perform tumour resections to obtain enough sample tissue for final product to be made.
- hold the appropriate Human Tissue Authority licences, which includes having the licence to cover the procurement, donor testing and exporting of the resected tissue.
- Have expertise in delivering and managing cellular therapies
- Have experience of managing the adverse effects of interleukin 2 inhibitors. Examples of these adverse events would be those similar to cytokine release syndrome and immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome.
- Hold a Joint Accreditation Committee of ISCT and EBMT of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (JACIE) Immune Effector Cells (IEC) accreditation or be working towards such accreditation.
- Be a Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation centre

Providers must be able to meet the requirements set out in this Competitive Process and deliver the contract in accordance with its terms.

To express interest and participate in the Competitive Process, please register and apply via Atamis esourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Should Tenderers have any queries, or problems using the portal, they should contact the Helpdesk at:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: [support-health@atamis.co.uk](mailto:support-health@atamis.co.uk)

The closing date for completed Competitive Process responses is 12:00pm (noon), on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

Atamis Project reference C41701

The contract duration is for three (3) years with the Commissioners having the option to extend for up to an additional two (2) year(s) (maximum contract duration five (5) years).

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to 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.

The decision maker of the award will be: NHS England

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

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

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit

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