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## **K2 or K3 EDTA sample tube with coloured cap**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-024792

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-048855

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Bristol

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#### **Contact**

Tennille Madigan

#### **Email**

[tennille.madigan@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:tennille.madigan@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 7795483583

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

**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

K2 or K3 EDTA sample tube with coloured cap

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33192500 - Test tubes

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

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Tube type: EDTA K2 or K3

Volume: 6ml

Pretreatment: Potassium EDTA at a concentration between 1.2 to 2 mg per mL

The purpose of this notice is to:

- Alert potential suppliers that NHSBT intends to award a contract for the supply of

consumables

- Develop NHSBTs understanding of the capabilities, dependencies and competitiveness of the marketplace and the ability of industry to provide the required level of support.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 33192500 - Test tubes

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

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Main site or place of performance

UK Wide

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

1 October 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: No