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Contract

## **Histopathology Outsourcing for Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust Cellular Pathology department**

South of England Procurement Centre

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

South of England Procurement Centre

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ35 - South Hampshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.porthosp.nhs.uk](http://www.porthosp.nhs.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Histopathology Outsourcing for Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust Cellular Pathology department

Reference number

C241292 - Q14873

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85111800 - Pathology services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Outsourcing of Histopathology cases, including provision of both laboratory technical and

Consultant diagnostic reporting services, attendance at MDT.

#### **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: £950,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

Outsourcing of Histopathology cases, including provision of both laboratory technical and Consultant diagnostic reporting services, attendance at MDT, courier services

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Procurement Selection Regime Direct Award Process C could be used to extend the agreement/contract

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## **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:

'This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award 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 standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by [Add date]. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR'.

#### **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 V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

15 August 2024

#### **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**

Poundbury Cancer Institute

Dorchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

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The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £950,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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The email address where written representations should be sent is

[jonathan.peer@portshosp.nhs.uk](mailto:jonathan.peer@portshosp.nhs.uk)

The award decision-makers are the Cellular Pathology Laboratory Manager and the Clinical Support Care Group Manager

There are no declared conflicts or potential conflicts of interest of individuals making the decision related to this award.

In reviewing the Key Criteria, the following were considered to be the most important:-  
Value and service sustainability.

In addition to this, continuing with Poundbury gives the Trust continuity of service having built up an existing relationship between PHU Pathologists, clinicians and surgical teams. Poundbury Pathologists attend PHU MDT's when required and are therefore experienced with the Trust's surgical and clinical processes. Poundbury Pathologists participate in the national dermal EQA scheme which is an ISO15189 accreditation standard requirement

The provider was originally chosen by NHSE to provide post pandemic recovery Histopathology outsourcing support for breast screening and have further supported PHU with breast, skin, gynae, urology and GI reporting. The provider meets the basic selection criteria, in particular 'technical and professional ability' in that they offer specific technical expertise in Histopathology breast reporting and have established a relationship with PHU clinical teams so can discuss cases confidently at MDT, due to knowledge of PHU surgical and clinical processes. The PHU Cellular Pathology department now also have a deficit of reporting capacity for other tumour groups such as skin, gynae, upper and lower GI and Urology and have used this provider to support with further outsourcing, maintaining existing clinical relationships. The provider can offer Consultants registered with the relevant EQA schemes which is an important factor for patient safety and accreditation.

The provider is considered to give good value, with a bespoke PHU pricing structure negotiated based upon workload points. The contract does not state minimum activity levels therefore PHU are not committed to sending a certain amount of work and can use the service as and when required.

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

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

This is not mandatory under the PSR

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Country

United Kingdom