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Contract

## **Immunology Outsourcing Services**

GATESHEAD HEALTH N H S FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049398

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

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

GATESHEAD HEALTH N H S FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gatesheadhealth.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**

Immunology Outsourcing Services

Reference number

C302284

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

Description of Services: The contract is for the provision of Consultant Immunologist Support to deliver a comprehensive immunology laboratory testing service for Sunderland, Gateshead, and South Tyneside hospitals and primary care catchments.

Contract Award Statement: The intention is to award the contract to Newcastle Hospitals following the direct award process C under the Provider Selection Regime.

Contract Value: The approximate lifetime value of the contract is £148,000 ex VAT.

Contract Period: The services are intended to be provided from 2024 to 2027.

#### **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: £148,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

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

Cost criterion - Name: The existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

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

Options: No

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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 publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by Friday 06th September 2024. 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: 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**

7 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**

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Freeman Hospital, Freeman Road, High Heaton

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE7 7DN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address

<https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £148,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by Friday 6th September.

Address for Written Representations: [Daniel.kelly11@nhs.net](mailto:Daniel.kelly11@nhs.net).

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Details of the Award Decision-Makers: J Bowes, M Coughlin, S Whittle

Conflicts of Interest: There were no conflicts of interest identified among the decision-makers.

Rationale: The Authority intends to directly award a contract to The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation trust under the Direct Award Process C.

SOTW provide a comprehensive immunology laboratory testing service for Sunderland, Gateshead and South Tyneside hospitals and primary care catchments.

This NHS service requires senior clinical leadership and oversight by a consultant clinician with the appropriate qualifications (FRCPath), experience and expertise to meet the standards for Medical Laboratories as set out in ISO 15189:2022. The service also requires clinicians on a daily basis to review and authorise abnormal results and to provide a clinical advisory service.

Gateshead Health does not have a clinical immunology service (direct patient care) as this is provided by consultants at the regional centre, Newcastle Hospitals.

Without this externally sourced consultant support, the authority would not be able to provide an accredited immunology laboratory service.

This decision to proceed with Direct Award C is based on the following criteria:

- The authority is not required to follow Direct Award A or B.

- The new contract will replace the existing contract upon its expiration.
- The considerable change threshold is not met.
- The existing provider is performing satisfactorily and is expected to continue to do so.
- The provider meets the basic selection criteria.

The new contract will cover immunology laboratory testing service, for a duration of 48 Months and is valued at £148,000.

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

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

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust

Gateshead

NE9 6SX

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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