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Future opportunity

## **Provision of Laboratory characterisation (HLA typing and microbiological screening) of eligible deceased organ donors**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

500 North Bristol Park

Bristol

BS34 7QH

#### **Contact**

Henry Prudden

#### **Email**

[henry.prudden@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:henry.prudden@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**National registration number**

NHS Blood and Transplant

**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**

Provision of Laboratory characterisation (HLA typing and microbiological screening) of eligible deceased organ donors

Reference number

C103467

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is separate to any tender opportunity and its purpose is to consult the market to improve NHSBT's knowledge of organisations within the marketplace that can offer the required service and to gauge market interest ahead of any further tender opportunity.

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The service provision required is laboratory characterisation (HLA typing and microbiological screening) of eligible deceased organ donors to permit safe and legal transplantation of all solid organs.

Donor characterisation is an absolute requirement for safe organ allocation and is mandated in law under the Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation Regulations (2012)<sup>6</sup>. The majority of organs cannot be offered or allocated to recipients until the results for the donor HLA type and microbiology screen are reported.

Donor characterisation is the process of collecting relevant information about the donor to evaluate suitability for organ donation. Organs from DBD and DCD donors can transmit disease; a minimum repertoire of microbiological screening tests is undertaken as mandated by the European Union Organ Donation Directive<sup>1</sup> and recommended by The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO)<sup>2</sup>

The information provided contributes to recipient patient safety, minimises the risk of disease transmission, enables risk mitigation and through allocation processes ensures equity of access to organs. Information relating to the donor is used by transplant clinicians in making the decision to either accept or decline an organ and by the potential recipient to inform a decision to either consent to or refuse a transplant from a particular donor.

A robust and efficient laboratory service providing donor characterisation is essential to support organ offering and subsequent transplantation helping to meet the future demands of the organ donation and transplantation programme.

Laboratories will deliver a nationally defined testing service for all consented/authorised eligible organ donors.

Expressions of interest should be e-mailed to [Henry.Prudden@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Henry.Prudden@nhsbt.nhs.uk) by 12:00 hours on Friday 14th October 2022.

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

6 October 2022

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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