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## **Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Service Products to H&I Laboratory BHSCT**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f6cf

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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#### **Contact**

Norma Moore

#### **Email**

[norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/>

**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 HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Service Products to H&I Laboratory BHSC

Reference number

DAC

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Service Products to H&I Laboratory BHSC

**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: £700,000

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Laboratories Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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

Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Service Products to H&I Laboratory BHSCCT

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

No other reasonable alternative exists for this procurement and this service is critical to patient care and service delivery. This procurement is both essential and critical in supporting the long-term/optimum graft survival of renal transplant patients. A tender process that was delayed due to Covid19 commenced in September 2021 for this service, this procurement is required to cover the interim period until that process has completed. A replacement in the short-term is not a reasonable alternative as it would require extensive and robust validation and verification work in line with laboratory accreditation standards - UKAS ISO15189 that would result in significant disruption and disproportionate technical difficulties that would significantly impact on patient safety and the Trusts ability to deliver services.

The absence of competition is not a result of the artificial narrowing of the parameters of the procurement. The wider market will be consulted as part of the tender process that is in progress HLA Typing & Antibody Ref: 3786726.

#### 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/concession**

### **Contract No**

DAC

### **Title**

Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Service Products to H&I Laboratory  
BHSC

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

VH Bio Limited

11B Station Approach, Team Valley Trading Estate

Gateshead

NE11 0ZF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Internet address

<https://www.vhbio.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £700,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £700,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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