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Planning

West of England Pathology Network - Digital Histopathology

North Bristol NHS Trust

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Updated to confirm RFI is now available to access and respond via SAP Ariba site - <https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/23199544>

Scope

Reference

WS2507441258

Description

The West of England Pathology Network (WoEPN) are looking to contract with a single supplier to provide an end-to-end digital histopathology pathway; to include an Image Management System (IMS), scanners, monitors and associated hardware. It should link seamlessly into Trust's LIMs and include storage. Linkages with 3rd party AI providers is also required

We are looking to contract with a single supplier to provide all aspects of the above requirement, further details to be provided within the specification.

The West of England Pathology Network consists of :

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

North Bristol NHS Trust

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

UKHSA

The procurement will be run through Bristol and Weston Purchasing Consortium and as such will use their e-procurement system SAP Ariba, bidders will need register to ensure access to the RFI, tender and communications - <https://supplier.ariba.com>

Details, timelines and values are subject to change. RFI is currently aimed to be released on the 30/05/25 (subject to change). Please register your interest to Fiona.Lowther@nbt.nhs.uk by the 6th of June 2025. Response to this, although useful, is not mandatory and will not restrict suppliers from bidding. Please see timeline within the RFI for full details when published.

EDIT - 30/05/2025 RFI has now been published on link <https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/23199544>

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £49,999,999 excluding VAT
- £59,999,998.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 November 2030
- 4 years, 2 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33110000 - Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use
- 33197000 - Medical computer equipment
- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment

- 48170000 - Compliance software package
- 48180000 - Medical software package
- 48211000 - Platform interconnectivity software package
- 48510000 - Communication software package
- 48781000 - System management software package
- 48782000 - Storage management software package
- 48814000 - Medical information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 85111800 - Pathology services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 August 2025

Engagement process description

Early Supplier engagement has commenced via Teams calls with suppliers to enable the procurement function to understand the market in order to create a successful RFI stage. A RFI will be published shortly to allow a full range of suppliers to express interest and respond to the RFI questions. There will be a non scored for information only demo (virtual) to follow which will be for the suppliers who respond to the RFI and express interest. During the RFI process there will be the option to submit clarification questions and view a draft specification for the contract.

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Contracting authority

North Bristol NHS Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHPY-3425-XCGD

Southmead Hospital, Southmead Road

Bristol

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Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

SOMERSET NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Summary of their role in this procurement: Evaluator of procurement, framework member

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RH5
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWR-4212-QWHQ

Musgrove Park Hospital

Taunton

TA1 5DA

United Kingdom

Contact name: Fiona Lowther

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Region: UKK23 - Somerset

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Summary of their role in this procurement: Evaluators of procurement, framework member

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RTE
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHT-5943-VXGV

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Gloucester

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Region: UKK13 - Gloucestershire

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Summary of their role in this procurement: Evaluator of procurement, framework member

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RD1
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRL-3879-BBGR

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Contact organisation

Contact North Bristol NHS Trust for any enquiries.