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Contract

## **Targeted Lung Health Check Programme: External Quality Assurance of Radiologists**

The NHS Commissioning Board (operating under the name of NHS England)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0298e9

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

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Targeted Lung Health Check Programme: External Quality Assurance of Radiologists

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The TLHC programme are looking to procure an external QA platform for radiologists. The external quality assurance of radiologists who report on the TLHC programme forms part of the quality assurance standards published for the programme (the TLHC programme has been signed off and is operational). Once developed, all radiologists who report on the TLHC programme will have to undertake an annual external quality assurance (EQA) test to read low dose CT scans.

This will involve radiologists reviewing a set number of CT scans with the results used to benchmark reporting of radiologists with peers.

This process will establish a feedback loop, to measure the ongoing quality of radiologists reporting practices.

#### **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: £885,739.84

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The objectives of having an EQA are to:

- Ensure reporting of low dose CT scans is evaluated to flag outliers who have high rates of recalls and high rates of interval cancers being detected.
- Ensure radiologists that are outliers receive training and ongoing support overseen by the Responsible Radiologist and Clinical Director of Programme.
- To help achieve the TLHC programme's primary objective of diagnosing people who have lung cancer at an earlier stage and identifying those who do not have the disease.
- To develop radiologists' ability to detect early lung cancer without incurring unnecessary investigation of clinically unimportant findings in asymptomatic participants.
- To provide a professional development platform for radiologists to learn from their reporting practices and benchmark themselves against their peers.
- Similar EQA platforms are already in place for other image-based screening

programmes, such as breast and colon cancer.

Lung cancer is a key focus for the national cancer programme, as Lung has a significant low proportion of diagnoses at stage 1 or 2.

There are four core deliverables required:

- Overall responsibility for the system - obtaining CT scans for readers to review and develop marking/benchmarking criteria
- Provide helpline service to users on an adhoc basis and escalate concerns as necessary
- Provide data reports to users on their results, benchmarked against peers, and indicate areas for development
- Provide data reports and presentations to NHSE

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

Price

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-004505](#)

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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**

22 November 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

University of Nottingham

University Park Nottingham

Nottingham

NG7 2RD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

RC000664

Internet address

[www.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,043,657

Total value of the contract/lot: £885,739.84

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

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