

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/032094-2021>

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

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-032094

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

Published 22 December 2021, 3:01pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

2nd Floor, Rutland House

Runcorn

WA7 2ES

Contact

Leigh Parker

Email

leigh.parker1@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

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

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

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.

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

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](#)

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>