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## **Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways Programme**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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

Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways Programme

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The long-term Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways (DPDP) programme objective is the removal of the paper prescription and replacement with a digital solution in community settings within Scotland. Current legal advice is that for a digitally signed prescription item to be valid, the digital signature must be an advanced electronic signature (AES) and be unique to both the prescriber (the signer) and the prescription item. NHS Scotland has engaged independent advice on how best to provide the AES signature capabilities required by the DPDP programme and have been advised that critical to this is the acquisition of an appropriate PKI infrastructure, for example including signature generation, certificate management and supporting services. This PIN addresses those requirements. NHS Scotland's Digital Strategy aims to support the requirement for a 'Once for Scotland' approach and, wherever appropriate, a preference for cloud-based systems and a SaaS service offering.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

For further information please review the attached document titled 'DPDP PKI PIN Questionnaire V1'

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

1 July 2023

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=713893](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=713893).

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