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## **Laboratory Managed Service**

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG3 - West Midlands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Laboratory Managed Service

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Laboratory Managed Service

**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: £41,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 51430000 - Installation services of laboratory equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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

A Laboratory Managed Service Contract which will include equipment installation and commissioning and the supply of training, maintenance, consumables and service availability; along with the management of any third party involvement.

The Supplier will provide a comprehensive managed service that will act as an enabler for the delivery of clinical services, improve outcomes and support the streamlining of clinical pathways.

### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- 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:**

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust (UHB) intends to enter into a new contract with Abbott Laboratories Limited.

The main benefit of entering into this contract revolves around the stability of application platforms while service consolidation takes place over the networks. As stated in the NHSE state of the nation document;

“Consolidating pathology services allows for most consistent, clinically appropriate turnaround times ensuring the right test is available at the right time... consolidation can ensure an appropriate critical mass to support specialist diagnostics, so that patients have equal access to key tests and services are sustainable”

As the capacity for change in the system is currently limited by post-Covid recovery plans, increased Emergency Department activity and other important projects for future productivity and performance (i.e. the current implantation of a new LIMS) a change of supplier will endanger the successful delivery of all of these important projects.

Aligned to this a change of major analytical platform – however well planned – will always likely result is a reduction in productivity and consequently the restoration and recovery plan will be severely affected as will current ED turnaround times. It is assessed that the patients of Birmingham and Solihull will be put at a significant disadvantage if a fundamental piece of the diagnostic process undergoes change at this moment in time.

Future projects will be enabled and better served by not embarking on a period of change, particularly with reference to a wider BSOL ICS consolidation – including Birmingham Women’s and Children’s Hospital. In addition, with the implementation of the LIMS across BSOL, in future we will have a digital environment which is standardised and working in all providers of laboratory services in Birmingham and Solihull, reducing the risks of making an analytical transition for the trusts and the suppliers.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Laboratory Managed Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 December 2022

#### **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**

Abbott Laboratories Limited

Abbott House Vanwall Business Park, Vanwall Road,

Maidenhead

SL6 4XE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

National registration number

00329102

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £41,000,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A

Country

United Kingdom