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Contract

## **Gemscript Drug Dictionary**

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

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

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

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)

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Gemscript Drug Dictionary

Reference number

NP504923

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

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

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.2) Description**

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Subscription to the Gemsript integrated dm+d drug dictionary for the Vision 3 GP IT System that used by up to 221 practices in Scotland. The Vision 3 System can only work with the Gemsript Drug Dictionary.

NSS pays an annual subscription for Gemsript on behalf of all NHS Boards with GP surgeries that still use the Vision 3 system.

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

30 June 2026

## **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.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2023/S 152-485557](#)

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

### **Contract No**

NP504923

### **Title**

Gemscript Drug Dictionary

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

1 April 2024

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

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

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

In Practice Systems Ltd

1a Broughton Street, Battersea

London

SW8 3QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £166,969

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:781751)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of

suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

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

#### **VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Extension of subscription for Gemsript drug dictionary, in use with Vision GP IT Systems in Scotland.

This subscription is only required in sites until they have migrated to the new NP500717 GP IT Managed Services provided by Cegedim (the parent company of In Practice Systems Ltd). Migration of the final 221 Vision 3 sites continues at pace and will be completed by the end of June 2026 at the very latest.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

30 June 2026

### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£166,696

### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

In Practice Systems Ltd

1a Broughton Street, Battersea

London

SW8 3QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Gemscript is an integrated dm+d drug dictionary for the Vision 3 GP IT System that has been used in 45% of GP sites in Scotland since June 2012. Gemscript adheres to NHS standards to provide clear and unambiguous information to uniquely identify the specific medicines and devices used in the diagnosis or treatment of patients. Gemscript is at the heart of improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of Vision 3 prescribing and allows the reliable electronic exchange of information on medicines and devices between healthcare organisations.

Migration from Vision 3 systems finally began in October 2022, but an extension to the



subscription agreement is required for the remaining sites still using Vision 3. All Vision 3 Sites must be migrated by end June 2026.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

There is no alternative option for Sites using Vision 3. The NP500717 GP IT Managed Services framework agreement provides the only alternative from which all Sites are currently migrating to.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,540,699

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,707,668