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Award

iRefer Radiology guideline access

Business Services Organisation

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Scope

Reference

DAC20152

Description

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) have produced guidelines to help GPs, Radiographers, Clinicians and other healthcare professionals to determine the most appropriate imaging investigation(s) or intervention for patients for a wide range of clinical problems.

They provide practical guidance based on the best available evidence together with expert opinion where evidence is lacking or conflicting. The guidance provided within iRefer ensures patients have timely and accurate diagnoses through informed decision making about the requesting of imaging and interventional services. The seventh edition of iRefer⁵⁸ making the best use of clinical radiology was made available through licensing arrangements via e-Learning for Healthcare on the N3 network to all NHS professionals working in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The seventh edition of iRefer is no longer available via this route. The eighth edition was launched in May 27. Access via HSCNI has been available since July 28 and now requires renewal.

This would be for a period of one year, with potential 1 year extension up to a contract value of £40,000

Contract 1. iRefer Radiology guideline access

Supplier

- THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

Contract value

- £40,000 excluding VAT
- £48,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

24 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 July 2025 to 25 July 2025
- Possible extension to 25 July 2027
- 2 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

No additional licenses or support charges will be applied during the term of this DAC. Prices and volumes have been agreed. We are currently exploring a full Clinical Decision Support solution with Encompass. If successful, the solution could potentially reduce the need to enter into the extension period of this DAC.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland