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Contract

## **Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Services**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04197f

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

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

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

LISBURN ROAD

BELFAST

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#### **Contact**

Norma Moore

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net>

**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**

Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Services

Reference number

DAC12041

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Procurement of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Services

### **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: £275,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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

Procurement of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Services

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

No other reasonable alternative exists for this procurement that is critical for patient care and service delivery. This procurement is essential in supporting the long-term/optimum graft survival of renal transplant patients. A tender process that was delayed due to Covid19 commenced in September 2021, tender reference 3786726 and is currently at evaluation stage. This procurement is required in the interim period until this tender process has completed. A replacement in the short-term is not a reasonable alternative as it would require extensive and robust validation and verification work in line with laboratory accreditation standards - UKAS ISO15189 that would result in significant disruption and disproportionate technical difficulties that would significantly impact on patient safety and the Trusts ability to deliver services.

The absence of competition is not a result of the artificial narrowing of the parameters of the procurement. The wider market has been consulted as part of the tender that is in progress HLA Typing & Antibody Ref: 3786726. BHSCCT will exit this procurement and transition to the new contract at the earliest opportunity.

#### 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: [2023/S 000-033567](#)

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

### **Contract No**

DAC12041

### **Title**

Provision of HLA Antibody Detection & Identification Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 December 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

VH BIO LTD

11B Station Approach, Team Valley Trading Estate,

Gateshead

NE11 0ZF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Companies House

02582192

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: £275,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £275,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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