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Contract

## **echocardiogram Insourcing**

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04bd98

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

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

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Nethermayne

Basildon

SS16 5NL

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH37 - Essex Thames Gateway

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.mse.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**

echocardiogram Insourcing

Reference number

C321677

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

a contract has been awarded to Health Now Ltd for the provision of echocardiogram insourcing services. The registered office of Health Now Ltd is located at 3 Lower Thames Street, St. Magnus House, London, EC3R HD

#### **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: £69,600

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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Street, St. Magnus House, London, EC3R HD.

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Due to the urgency of the situation, the Trust did not have sufficient time to conduct a competitive procurement process. Instead, the award was made using the SBS Framework for Insourcing of Clinical Support Services, which is compliant with PSR regulations. This short-term contract, designed to address the backlog, commenced on October 12, 2024, and will expire on January 11, 2025.

We can confirm that no conflict of interest was identified among the individuals involved in the urgent award decision. This solution ensures that we can continue to deliver critical care to our patients while addressing current capacity challenges.

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

Price

#### **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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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#### 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 V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

11 October 2024

#### 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

Health Now Limited

Saint Magnus House, Lower Thames Street, london, EC3R 6HD

London

KT16 0DN

Telephone

+44 2033435971

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

13335901

Internet address

<https://www.healthnow.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £69,600

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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