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Planning

## Genotype Testing for Mycobacterium

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

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## Scope

## Reference

6018196

## Description

This is Preliminary Market Engagement Notice published by Business Services Organisation (BSO) Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS), on behalf of Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCCT) to seek engagement with the market place as PaLS are commencing work on a tender for genotype testing for mycobacterium within Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI).

The Tuberculosis (TB) laboratory within the BHSCCT Microbiology Department has an ongoing requirement for equipment and consumables to support genotype testing. Specifically, the department seeks an automated molecular process for identifying cultured mycobacterium species from positive cultures. The solution must provide an end to end service from sample reception to final identification featuring automated results analysis, digital result storage, and supporting software. It must also include all necessary reagents, consumables, training, and equipment maintenance.

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

25 July 2025

## **Engagement process description**

To prepare for formal procurement process, HSCNI through BSO PaLS is undertaking preliminary market engagement. This engagement aims to gauge supplier interest, identify potential risks, and gather feedback ahead of a formal tender. Participation is voluntary and not a prerequisite for future procurement.

As a next step, suppliers are invited to complete a Preliminary Market Engagement Questionnaire. This will inform the upcoming procurement for genotype testing for mycobacterium and provide insight into current market practices.

To participate, please email [palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net) to request a Preliminary Market Engagement Questionnaire for tender 6018196 Genotype Testing for Mycobacterium. Completed responses and comments must be submitted by 3:00 PM on 25/07/2025.

Please confirm your intention to respond by 3:00 PM on 18/07/2025.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Contracting authority**

**Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland