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Contract

Histopathology Reporting and MDT

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056b3b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Musgrove Park Hospital

Taunton

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Histopathology Reporting and MDT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Digital Histopathology Reporting and MDT. Lymphoma second opinion and Bone Marrow (Trephine) reporting.

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: £128,208

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Digital Histopathology Reporting and MDT. Lymphoma second opinion and Bone Marrow (Trephine) reporting.

The Authority is intending to award the contract to an existing provider following the direct award process C.

The lifetime value of this contract is expected to be £128,208.00

The contract dates are 14 August 2025 to 13 August 2026 with the option to extend for 12 months.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

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

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

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 13 August 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

31 July 2025

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

HAEMATOPATHOLOGY ALLIANCE LTD

71-75 SHELTON STREET, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON,

London

WC2H 9JQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI53 - Redbridge and Waltham Forest

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: £128,208

Total value of the contract/lot: £128,208

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The decision makers were: Deputy Service Group Director - Clinical Support & Cancer Services

No conflicts of interest were declared among decision makers.

The key criteria were weighted as follows:

40% quality and Innovation

15% Value

20% Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability

15% Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice

10% Social value

Quality is the most important aspect of this service as the level of expertise is extremely hard to find and essential for providing second opinions on complex cancer patients. Integration and collaboration is also essential.

The rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

The existing suppliers are experienced services providers with a proven track record, and they are highly likely to be able to satisfy the new contract to a sufficient standard.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Musgrove Park Hospital

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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