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Contract

**Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road,
Darlington, DL3 6HX Contract Title: Provision of External
Audit via CCS framework RM6188 Audit & Assurance
Services Framework Lot 2 External audit**

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-045675

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056c5c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Hollyhurst Road

Darlington

DL36HX

Contact

Beverley Cook

Email

procurement.support@nhs.net

Telephone

+44 1915692892

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC13 - Darlington

Companies House

220993214

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://cddft.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Healthcare

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6HX Contract Title:
Provision of External Audit via CCS framework RM6188 Audit & Assurance Services
Framework Lot 2 External audit

Reference number

SP1888

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

County Durham and Darlington NHSFT has a requirement for the provision of an external auditing service, in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office and applicable auditing standards

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: £319,020

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

County Durham and Darlington NHSFT has a requirement for the provision of an external auditing service, in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office and applicable auditing standards.

There were no bids received for CDDFT Audit opportunity on after open tender supplier feedback indicated the lack of capacity in the current market.

Therefore, the decision was made at executive level to direct award to Deloitte LLP via Crown Commercial Services framework RM6188 Audit & Assurance Services Framework Lot 2 External audit, to ensure the Trust audit commitments were deliverable.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

The most appropriate procurement process to meet the requirement was an above threshold open procedure, which was advertised as an opportunity in 2024. There was no response so decision was made to direct award to Deloitte as they expressed interest do the audit. Therefore CCS framework RM6188 Audit & Assurance Services Framework Lot 2 External audit was utilised to Direct award Deloitte.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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

8 April 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

Deloitte LLP

Newcastle

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

OC303675

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: £319,020

Total value of the contract/lot: £319,020

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom