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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

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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](mailto: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

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## **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

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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

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

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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**

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom