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## **Active and placebo capsule manufacture for the LAMDARCT Clinical Trial**

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

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### **Description**

This procurement is for active and placebo capsule manufacture for the LAMDARCT Clinical Trial .

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**Contract 1. Active and placebo capsule manufacture for the**

## **LAMDARCT Clinical Trial**

### **Supplier**

- ALMAC CLINICAL SERVICES LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £416,789.25 excluding VAT
- £500,147.10 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

1 October 2025

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

- 1 November 2025 to 1 November 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

## Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

### Direct award justification

Prototypes and development

Schedule 5, (2) The public contract concerns the production of a prototype, or supply of other novel goods or services, for the purpose of (c) other research, experiment, study or development.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a leading cause of visual loss. There are two main forms of AMD: dry and wet. The current wet AMD treatment is intravitreal antiVEGF injections, repeated every 4-12 weeks. Due to the cost of the medication, the route and frequency of administration, this treatment is a significant burden on the NHS budget. An additional treatment option for wet AMD is L-dopa. L-dopa is a widely available drug (used in treatment of Parkinson's), typically in the form of Carbidopa-L-Dopa. It is taken as an oral tablet and is significantly cheaper than the antiVEGF injections.

The study will be a placebo-controlled clinical trial. Eligible patients will be randomised to receive either 100mg L-DOPA+25mg carbidopa or placebo twice a day, for 24 months, in addition to the current standard of care to determine if this is a more cost-effective and easier-to-administer treatment regime than the current standard of care. ?

To 'blind' this clinical trial (to reduce bias) requires the development and manufacture of over encapsulated 100mg L-DOPA+25mg carbidopa tablets and development and manufacture of matching placebo capsules. The expertise required to develop and manufacture these capsules in the quantity required for this trial requires outsourcing to a manufacturer licensed by the MHRA possessing the necessary technical expertise.

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## Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Belfast Health & Social Care Trust**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland