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Tender

Medicinal Product Trial -Metformin

Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Description

The trust was successful in obtaining a grant from NIHR for a clinical trial to look at the use of metformin in people newly diagnosed with psychosis. The clinical trial (including the recruitment phase) is estimated to take place between June 2026 to November 2028. As part of that grant we need to source a supplier that has the capability to purchase or manufacture Metformin and an identical placebo for a clinical trial, to package and label both to our requirements and distribute to Trusts across the UK in a predetermined schedule.

Total value (estimated)

- £248,333.33 excluding VAT
- £298,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 October 2025 to 16 October 2028
- Possible extension to 16 October 2031
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Three optional 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Detailed within the specification and Questionnaire 1 - Supplier Information Questionnaire.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Detailed within the specification and Questionnaire 1 - Supplier Information Questionnaire.

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 August 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 September 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please download the tender documents, complete and upload back into the E-tendering portal.

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

User Guide:

https://services.atamis.co.uk/docs/Supplier_User_Guide.pdf

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

3 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical Questionnaire	Quality	60.00%
Commercial Questionnaire	Price	30.00%
Social Value Questionnaire	Quality	10.00%

Other information**Payment terms**

The payment profile for this Contract shall be monthly in arrears.

Invoices to be submitted to the following email address:

pcn-tr.accountspayableinvoices.penninecare@nhs.net

Description of risks to contract performance

The Contracting Authority may require an extension of the contract beyond the optional extension periods if the clinical trial is expected to exceed the maximum term stated in the agreement. As this cannot be anticipated in advance, if necessary, it will require a formal contract modification.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to terminate the clinical trial early for various reasons, including but not limited to insufficient participant recruitment, safety concerns, regulatory requirement concerns, or funder stipulations. In the event that the trial concludes earlier than originally anticipated, this contract may be terminated in accordance with Clause 23.1 (Termination for Convenience) in the contract. In such circumstances, the Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any payments beyond the effective date of termination, and no further financial obligations shall arise under the terms of this contract.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government