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## **Prescription Exemption Checking Service (PECS) 2025/2026**

NHS ENGLAND

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C371006

### **Description**

Prescription Exemption Checking Service (DECS) 2025/2026

The Provider will investigate a random sample of prescription claims from patients who have claimed exemption from payment to verify the accuracy of the exemption declared. Claims are verified by cross checking the patient details on the prescription claim against the Provider records of valid exemption schemes which the Provider administer in addition to DWP records.

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## **Contract 1. Prescription Exemption Checking Service (PECS) 2025/2026**

### **Supplier**

- NHS BSA

### **Contract value**

- £18,585,381 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

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

10 September 2025

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

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Direct award

## Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

These functions are delegated to the NHS BSA under the NHS Business Services Authority (Payments, Charges, Recovery of Charges and Penalty Charges) Directions 2015 (the 2015 Directions), consequently there is no alternative Supplier for the fulfilment of these services.

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## Supplier

### NHS BSA

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDZ-5139-HQCJ

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Newcastle upon Tyne

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United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### NHS ENGLAND

- NHS Organisation Data Service: X24
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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LS1 4AP

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Region: UKE42 - Leeds

Organisation type: Public authority - central government