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Contract

Microbiology Services for Referred Microbiology, Virology and Serological Investigations

MERSEY AND WEST LANCASHIRE TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-057258

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059c11

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

MERSEY AND WEST LANCASHIRE TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

Whiston Hospital, Warrington Rd

Prescot

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

RBN

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Microbiology Services for Referred Microbiology, Virology and Serological Investigations

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of a comprehensive diagnostic referral service for samples requiring virology and serological investigations and other investigations where indicated. This service must also include clinical advice to healthcare professionals. The contract runs from 01/04/25 to 31/03/26

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: £310,677.48

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide a range of diagnostic services including:

- Virology
- Serology
- Molecular
- Clinical advice (UK Health Security Agency will provide telephone support from a Consultant Microbiologist / Virologist for clinical advice to the Consultant team for all patient samples tested within the contract)
- Referred work

Results to be provided within stated TAT's

Activity baseline 15,357

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. Direct award C. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 25/09/25. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR'.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Microbiology Services for Referred Microbiology, Virology and Serological Investigations

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 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

UK Health Security Agency(Manchester University NHS FT

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

ROA

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: £310,677.48

Total value of the contract/lot: £310,677.48

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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award decision-maker Michael Carr

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Whiston

Country

United Kingdom