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## Automated Slide Preparation System

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

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## Scope

## Reference

C384954

## Description

As part of Nottingham University Hospitals' commitment to delivering world-class diagnostic services, we are introducing two Automated Slide Preparation Systems into the histopathology laboratory. This installation directly supports NUH's strategic aim to Standardise, Centralise and Digitise the diagnostic services. This procurement also aligns with the NHS England's 6-point plan for transforming pathology services.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- AXLAB LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £830,000 excluding VAT
- £996,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

31 October 2025

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

- 3 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 4 months, 28 days

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

## **Contract locations**

- UKF14 - Nottingham

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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

The system being procured is the only fully automated tissue embedding system available which is essential to eliminate manual embedding and ensuring consistency at very high throughput levels for the histopathology department.

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## **Supplier**

## **AXLAB LIMITED**

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQNY-4448-MDCV

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Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

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## **Contracting authority**

### **NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RX1
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVQC-9261-WGRM

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Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Organisation type: Public authority - central government