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## **NI Child Health System Support and Maintenance 26/30**

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The support and maintenance of the NI Child Health System application. The NICHS is used by all HSC Trusts to record and manage services to the children and young adults for whom they have responsibility. The system has been regularly enhanced over its lifetime to ensure it continues to meet the changing requirements of its users. NICHS provides essential support to staff undertaking, Health Appraisals, Screening, Vaccination and Immunization of children - both before they start school and during their period of school attendance. Critically, the system also caters for the complex issues associated with "cross boundary flow" where a child may reside in one Trust but receive services in another and provides a comprehensive history of a child's immunizations across 5 Health Trusts by presenting a unified view of the multi-Trust activities, no matter which Trust's users are accessing the child's record. Year 1 is for full support and maintenance, Year 2 is READ ONLY support, Year 3 READ ONLY, Year 4 is READ ONLY Support

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- DH OPCO UK LTD

### **Contract value**

- £810,000 excluding VAT
- £972,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

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

30 October 2025

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Dedalus, who trade as DH Opcp UK LTD in the UK, have an excellent understanding of the technology underpinning the NI Child Health System application having worked for over 40 years in the child health business area and with the UNIDATA/UniBasic technology. In that time, Dedalus staff turnover was minimal.

Crucially, over the 40 years, Dedalus (DH Opcp UK Ltd) have built up extensive business knowledge across all programmes of Child Health. They have an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the intricate rules and associated interdependencies that apply to the planning and delivery of the Child Health service. They are acutely aware of the reliance trust staff place on the system and have grown the capability to accurately and quickly design and deliver system enhancements as well as quickly and accurately resolve incidents as and when they arise. (This has been particularly valuable during the COVID-19 period when enhancements were requested for delivery in a very short timeframe).

Dedalus also own the IPR to the current system. To procure a bespoke replacement would take years, which would not fit into the timeframe of how long a system will be needed for. BSO staff would not be able to support the current application as it does not have the skillset or experience to support this technology

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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

**Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: PWNJ-1991-NGDW
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCQH-8657-NGMT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland