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Award

Oral Nutritional Supplements - REFRESH Trial - Abbott

University of Plymouth

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Scope

Reference

MW/UOP/Nutritional_Supplements/109/25

Description

The University of Plymouth is leading the REFRESH trial to compare the effectiveness of oral nutritional supplements (ONS) and of food fortification with routine care. We are looking to procure ONS to supply to the care homes assigned. • We wish to procure the following three oral nutritional supplements or equivalent: o Ensure Compact (Abbott Nutrition) o Fortisip Compact (Nutricia) o Altraplen Compact (Nualtra) • These will need to be supplied and delivered to up to 30 care homes distributed throughout Hampshire, Dorset, Devon and the West Midlands participating in a research trial. • Care homes will be given the option to use one of the three brands so a delivery to any given home will only be one brand, but should include all available flavours, or the flavours specified in the order. To view more detail of the study please visit: <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/penctu/refresh-trial>

Contract 1. Oral Nutritional Supplements - REFRESH Trial - Ensure Compact

Supplier

- Abbott Nutrition Ltd

Contract value

- £166,666 excluding VAT
- £200,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

1 October 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

25 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2025 to 1 June 2028
- Possible extension to 1 June 2029
- 3 years, 7 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

Potential to extend if there are issues with recruiting care homes to participate.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15882000 - Dietetic products
- 15881000 - Homogenised food preparations

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Abbott Nutrition Ltd

- Companies House: 00329102

Abbott House Vanwall Business Park, Vanwall Road,

Maidenhead, Berkshire,

SL6 4XE

United Kingdom

Email: ukcontracts@abbott.com

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

University of Plymouth

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Region: UKK41 - Plymouth

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government