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Award

Pathology Rapid PCR testing systems, reagents & maintenance

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

C160001

Description

Pathology Rapid polymerase chain reaction (PCR) Testing System Maintenance and Reagents

GS 10997 CSS EO 1221

Contract 1. Provision of Pathology Rapid PCR testing systems, maintenance and reagents

Supplier

- Cepheid UK Limited

Contract value

- £516,000 excluding VAT
- £619,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 November 2025 to 5 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38951000 - Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment

- 33696300 - Chemical reagents

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Salisbury Hospital have historically procured and leased molecular testing platforms, maintenance and tests from Cepheid UK Ltd for the provision of MTB/RIF, C.Diff, CarbaR,

MRSA, HIV, ,CT/NG Norovirus, Flu and Covid testing.

Following a recent tender process, a new contract has been awarded for a Managed Service Contract for molecular diagnostics to Roche Diagnostics Limited. This contract constitutes Lot 5 of the South 6 Network Pathology Solution for Southern Counties Pathology (SCP) of which SFT is a participating member, and will expire co-terminus on 19th July 2031. Lot 5 consists of sub-categories of microbiology and SCP intend to award molecular diagnostics as the first sub-category. Lot 5 represented the final Lot in the Pathology Network solution. Cepheid is a third party supplier as part of this new contract and the current equipment is due to be retained in the new contract.

In order to bridge the time between the new contract being signed and implemented a new twelve month contract with Cepheid is to be agreed in order to continue with the service up to the new contract with Roche Diagnostics Ltd being implemented and thus preventing any disruption or risk to patient care in the interim.

Supplier

Cepheid UK Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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