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Contract

CDC Phlebotomy service - PSR

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05969a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Colchester District General Hospital, Turner Road

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.esneft.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

CDC Phlebotomy service - PSR

Reference number

C387781

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111000 - Hospital services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Our current contract with GPPC is set to expire on 30th September 2025. In previous discussions, we have expressed an interest in extending this contract to align with the end

date of GPPC's agreement with the ICB. The aim is to synchronise timelines and better align strategic intentions moving forward.

We are very satisfied with the service GPPC is providing. They are consistently exceeding expectations, delivering over 1,300 blood tests per week. The co-location of the blood service across primary and secondary care has proven to be both practical and beneficial. That said, we are also interested in exploring the feasibility of running an in-house pathology

service. However, with the upcoming implementation of EPIC in October 2025, we feel now is

not the appropriate time to initiate such a change. To allow us the necessary time to consider

a longer-term strategy for delivering the blood service, we are proposing a 6-month PSR award. This would give us the space to evaluate future options, while recognising that GPPC

also provide additional services at the CDC, including 24 hour tapes and Dermoscopy

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: £147,328.42

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ESNEFT Acute CDC Phlebotomy was originally commissioned by NEE CCG/SNEE ICB as a

Variation to their PES contract with GPPC. In 2023 ESNEFT were informed they would need

to commission the service as it would no longer be included in the PES Contract as a variation.

At this time the GPPC PES contract was due to expire in late October 2023 and the SNEE ICB intentions post this date had not been defined. As the service worked well for both parties

and the patients within the community benefited from a single delivery location not just for

Acute Phlebotomy/Community GP Phlebotomy, they were also delivering other services for NEECS and Acute. In the interim GPPC were direct awarded a 6-month contract under Waiver with a further 6-month contract under PSR Option C to allow time for SNEE ICB to consider their options on their PES commissioning. SNEE ICB have extended their contract PES contract with GPPC until September 2026.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

PSR Direct Award Process C

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:

Direct Award Via PSR Option C

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 September 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

GP Primary Choice (GPPC)

Unit 1, Block C, University of Essex Knowledge Gateway, Nesfield Road,

Colchester

CO4 3ZL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

National registration number

08486936

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £147,328.42

Lowest offer: £147,328.42 / Highest offer: £147,328.42 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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