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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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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Colchester District General Hospital, Turner Road

COLCHESTER

CO4 5JL

#### **Contact**

Chris Birkett

#### **Email**

[procurement@esneft.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@esneft.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.esneft.nhs.uk/>

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

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**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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-054977](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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