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Contract

## **Assessment and Recovery Centres (ARCs) - Pilot Locations**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-073550

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05939b

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Bristol

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 7553520488

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbt.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

Assessment and Recovery Centres (ARCs) - Pilot Locations

Reference number

C380675

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121300 - Surgical specialist services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

An ARC is an Assessment and Recovery Centre facility that will bring together and implement ex situ machine perfusion techniques at the centre of a national network. Marginal organs will be retrieved and assessed for transplantation, extending their viability between donation and transplantation. In the future, organ function could be transformed and organs repaired.

An ARC is proposed as a dedicated facility for organ perfusion techniques, utilising ex situ Machine Perfusion to undertake expert assessment, to de-risk transplantation and to better understand organ viability.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are looking to establish contracts with suitably experienced NHS Transplant Centres who meet the mandatory requirements to become an ARC location during this pilot phase. Further locations may be added during the pilot phase.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,560,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 - LUNG

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85121300 - Surgical specialist services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend to 30th November 2027

#### **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**

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by midnight, 25th November 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

The award decision-makers are the NHSBT ARC Project Board.

The providers have been selected as the most suitable to obtain an effective range of locations during the pilot phase. Assessments have been made against mandatory criteria and the key criteria.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 2 - LIVER

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85121300 - Surgical specialist services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 3 - KIDNEY

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85121300 - Surgical specialist services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-053711](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Assessment and Recovery Centres (Pilot)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Freeman Hospital, Freeman Road, High Heaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE7 7DN

Newcastle

NE7 7DN

Email

[nuth.environment@nhs.net](mailto:nuth.environment@nhs.net)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC22 - Tyneside

National registration number

CRN: N/A - CRT1-12955689836

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,560,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £175,000

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Papworth Road, Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Cambridge

CB2 0AY

Telephone

+44 1223638000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Internet address

<https://royalpapworth.nhs.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Guys and StThomas Foundation Trust

Great Maze Pond

London

SE1 9RT

Email

[ludford-hayden@avendra.com](mailto:ludford-hayden@avendra.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL12 - Gwynedd

National registration number

00000N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,560,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £175,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Assessment and Recovery Centres (Pilot)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Freeman Hospital, Freeman Road, High Heaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE7 7DN

Newcastle

NE7 7DN

Email

[nuth.environment@nhs.net](mailto:nuth.environment@nhs.net)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC22 - Tyneside

National registration number

CRN: N/A - CRT1-12955689836

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,560,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £105,000

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31 October 2025

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Hills Road, Cambridge

Cambridge

CB2 0QQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

National registration number

00000N/A

Internet address

[www.cuh.nhs.uk](http://www.cuh.nhs.uk)

The contractor is an SME

No

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

King's College Hospital NHS Trust

Denmark Hill London

London

SE5 9RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

National registration number

00936003

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Lothian NHS Board

51 Little France Crescent Edinburgh Bioquarter

Lothian

EH16 4SA

Telephone

+44 7790307951

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Pond Street London

London

NW3 2QG

Email

[rf-tr.tphc-bids@nhs.net](mailto:rf-tr.tphc-bids@nhs.net)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

National registration number

00000N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

John Radcliffe Hospital Headley Way Headington Oxford

Oxford

OX3 9DU

Email

[businessservices@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:businessservices@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

00000N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>