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Award

DHSC: Global and Public Health: Express Freight Service (FY 25-26)

Department of Health & Social Care

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Scope

Reference

C374283

Description

The Express Freight Service provides a solution to mitigate the risk of supply chain disruption for medicines and medical products, including preventing any national stock-outs. The new contract for this service will begin on 1st April 2026.

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Supplier

- Kuehne & Nagel

Contract value

- £3,384,000 excluding VAT
- £4,060,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

14 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

17 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 27 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

9 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is for an initial duration of 2 years with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Kuehne & Nagel

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPXV-3599-VHBD

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Department of Health & Social Care

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government