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Contract

Echo Scans Additional Services

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05e5f7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Health

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Echo Scans Additional Services

Reference number

W210323

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121231 - Cardiology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Echo department is currently working with a short fall of three whole time equivalent (WTE) qualified staff. The department also runs at a deficit to allow other areas to maintain provision such as the Cardiac Cath Labs (emergency on call) and CIU at James Cook and The Friarage. The Echo team currently lose collectively 0.75WTE to help support these other areas. This is further exacerbated by the opening of the diagnostic hub and spoke site in May 2025, a post which South Tees cannot recruit to and requires displacement of staff from the main site.

There is national shortage of Echocardiographers, and the Echo's team have had adverts out for the position three times but been unsuccessful.

As the DM01 figures are highlighting, performance against the six-week wait is significantly below target and this will continue to reduce without urgent implementation of additional capacity. This will not only affect new patients but a large amount of review patients within cardiology service and across the Trust, for areas such as Oncology.

The capacity of inpatient service has also been affected; waiting times for inpatient echo has increased to 72-96 hours. This is affecting the patient flow through the Trust as the department provide a service to all the Trusts specialities. Thus the need to award to a supplier.

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: £70,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121231 - Cardiology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC12 - South Teesside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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 Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 3rd December 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR

This award will be to an existing provider for services that have previously been undertaken.

Conflicts of interest identified among stakeholders: 0 .

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

N/A

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:

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 Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. This is a Most Suitable Provider process.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

21 November 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

ICS Operations T/A Xyla Elective Care

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London

EC2A 2AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

National registration number

04793945

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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: £70,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £70,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

N/A

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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