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Tender

Norfolk Coroner Post Mortem CT Scanning Service

Norfolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCCT42893

Description

Norfolk County Council are the relevant authority for the Norfolk Coroner's Service. We wish to enter into a contract to provide digital autopsy (CT scanning) services for the coroner for the county of Norfolk. Digital Autopsy/CT Scanning is used as first line intervention as an alternative to traditional post-mortem examinations within Norfolk. Patients are scanned via a CT Scanner and images from the scan are then used by specially trained radiologists and coroner's pathologists to assist in ascertaining a cause of death. It is anticipated that a cause of death can be ascertained in approximately 75% of cases where patients have been scanned. This avoids the need to use the more traditional invasive approach to post mortem in these cases.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £22,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2036
- Possible extension to 31 March 2041
- 15 years

Description of possible extension:

Please Note - we have had to use a date for form filling purposes on the Find a Tender Service. However, we would expect the service to commence within 6 months of award of contract. The Contract may be extended by up to 60 months at the Council's discretion.

This service is dependent on need so it is not easy to get an accurate value. For the purpose of this exercise - the budget for providing post mortem examination services to the Norfolk Coroner is £1000000 per year fully inclusive of post mortem computed tomography examinations, pathologist fees and invasive post mortem examination fees (note: pathologist and hospital costs are separate contracts and not included in this tender)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33115100 - CT scanners
- 85111800 - Pathology services

- 85150000 - Medical imaging services

Contract locations

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

The Council will be assessing the legal, financial and technical ability of bidders to perform the contract being procured as set out in the Invitation to Tender. This assessment includes past experience, financial suitability, health and safety, modern slavery and references. These are all designated as pass/fail criteria.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 December 2025, 10:00am

Tender submission deadline

20 January 2026, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement and gain access to documents when they are available, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://intendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc> (<https://intendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>). Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://intendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles> (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles>).

Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest` in this tender. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or emailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Delivery of PMCT scanning service per case.	Price	40%
Model of Service	Quality	20%
Mobilisation	Quality	12.5%
Monitoring Quality and Performance	Quality	10%
Resilience and business continuity	Quality	10%
Staff	Quality	7.5%

Other information**Description of risks to contract performance**

Please note that both Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council have approved a devolution deal which is expected to lead to the establishment of a Mayoral Combined

County Authority with strategic powers, headed by an elected mayor. Subject to the government laying a Statutory Instrument and to its approval by Parliament to formally establish the new combined authority, the first Mayoral election is expected to be in May 2026. Government has also invited participation by Norfolk in Local Government Review. This process has the potential to lead to unitary local government in Norfolk. The contract may be assigned or novated to any successor authority(ies) to Norfolk County Council or to any joint body incorporating or formed by any such successor. The County Council or a successor authority or joint body may order services on behalf of other local authorities serving any area within Norfolk's current geographical boundaries.

Please note that the value of the contract is estimate as it is dependent on usage.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

[NCCT42893-Tender 17.11.25.docx](#)

[NCC Professional Services Form of Agreement.doc](#)

[Schedule 1 Service Specification \(the brief\).zip](#)

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

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Region: UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

