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

NHS Blood and Transplant

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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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.

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-073550](#)

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

VI.3

Instead of

Text

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.

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This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under 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. This contract has now been formally awarded using the most suitable provider process. The contract will be valid until the 31st March 2027, with an option to extend to the 30th November 2027. The lifetime value of the contract will be £1,560,000.