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Award

## EMIS OpenSAFELY Redevelopment

NHS England

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## Scope

## Reference

C405364

## Description

This contract is for development services for an OpenSAFELY environment to enable access to the GP data that is only stored by the Optum GP system.

This contract is not being awarded by reference to lots and is for England only.

The value of this contract is £2,272,000.00 including VAT and covers a period of up to 12 months.

The supplier is EMIS (Egton Medical Information Systems) Ltd, known as Optum UK

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## **Contract 1. OpenSAFELY Re-development**

### **Supplier**

- EgEgton Medical Information Systems Limited

### **Contract value**

- £1,894,000 excluding VAT
- £2,272,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

22 December 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 22 December 2025 to 21 December 2026
- 1 year

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

The risks applicable to this contract are:

Known Unknown Risks (Schedule 8, Paragraphs 5-7):

Emerging cyber threats - requiring system changes for security.

Legislative changes - new laws where compliance details are unknown until defined.

Policy/regulatory changes - anticipated but undefined changes in NHS or DHSC policy.

Changes to standards - e.g., BSI or ISO updates anticipated but unclear at award stage.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

## **Procedure type**

Direct award

## **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

OpenSAFELY was established during the COVID pandemic to provide access to researchers to general practice data in a way that maintains the privacy of patient data. In June 2023 the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) requested that NHS England operate the service. It is a requirement of OpenSAFELY that there is a dedicated instance set up in the GP suppliers' data centres to query the practice data. To enable the OpenSAFELY to access the records of patients in these practices a dedicated instance is required in the Optum datacentre (being a major GP system supplier).

This new contract award will be for the development of an OpenSAFELY environment to open access and interrogate pseudonymised GP data that is only stored by the Optum GP system.

It is justified under Section 41 (1) (a) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required.

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## **Supplier**

### **EgEgton Medical Information Systems Limited**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### NHS England

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government