

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/083720-2025>

Planning

T1184 - IP20 Blood Sample Collection

University of Essex

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-083720

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05f794

Published 17 December 2025, 11:16am

This is an old version of this notice. [View the latest version.](#)

Scope

Reference

T1184

Description

Understanding Society: the UK Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS) is a longitudinal social survey of households and individuals living in the UK. Data collection began in January 2009 and participants are interviewed annually. In Waves 2 and 3 of the Study (2010-13) a wide range of objective health measures were collected via a nurse visit, including venous blood samples from which we produced a range of analytes, extracted DNA and produced genetic and epigenetic data. A similar exercise is being undertaken at Wave 16 (2024-26), where the nurse visit has been replaced by participants collecting samples/measurements themselves.

This contract covers the data collection and analysis for a further bio-data collection on

the Study's Innovation Panel (2027) ahead of a potential roll out on the main Study sample at Wave 22 (2030-32). The Study is designed and managed by the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex ("the University"). The Principal Investigator of the Study is Professor Michaela Benzeval. Survey fieldwork is carried out by Verian. The Study is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), and pseudo-anonymised data are shared with broader research community.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,125,000 excluding VAT
- £1,350,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 January 2027
- Possible extension to 31 January 2028
- 1 year, 10 months

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 January 2026

Engagement process description

This preliminary market engagement notice is to gauge interest in the market and potentially conduct some supplier meetings/calls if time permits in the new year - 2026 following the 16th January 2026 end date of the PME process.

Following that it is currently anticipated that a competitive flexible procedure will be conducted and the completion of the required tender notice at that point.

All subject to change

Contracting authority

University of Essex

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQBL-6931-JNGJ

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

CO4 3SQ

United Kingdom

Contact name: Aston Baker

Email: procure@essex.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.essex.ac.uk>

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government