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Planning

North East & North Cumbria Pathology Archiving System

Northumbria Healthcare Facilities Management
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

NH2049

Description

Cellular Pathology laboratories in the North East North Cumbria (NENC) region currently maintain long term (30+ years) archives of all wax tissue blocks and microscope slides that are produced. The North East & North Cumbria Pathology network (NENC) has obtained limited Digital Diagnostics Capability funding from NHS England for purchase of an "advanced archiving solution" that will both save time for laboratory staff and dramatically reduce the risk of misfiling and loss of tissue blocks and slides. Any proposed

archiving solution must be compatible with the current and legacy linear and/or data matrix barcodes on blocks and slides for identification of the materials

Total value (estimated)

- £558,333.33 excluding VAT
- £670,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 1 February 2030
- Possible extension to 1 February 2035
- 9 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 48329000 - Imaging and archiving system

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 October 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

2 companies able to provide a pathology archiving solution identified via online search. Providers were invited to demonstrate their solutions and how they may potentially improve administration process of archiving slides and blocks containing pathology samples. To aid understanding of how this technology could potentially fit within existing processes and save staff time and achieve efficiency of storage space.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 December 2025

Contracting authorities

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Contact organisation

Contact Northumbria Healthcare Facilities Management for any enquiries.