

United Kingdom-Kendal: Pathology services
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Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Health

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title

The provision of Histopathology Reporting services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 25: Health and social services

Main site or place of performance: Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster.

NUTS code UKD4 Lancashire

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The Histopathology service undertakes in excess of 28 000 histological samples per annum.
Including

a. Formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue;

b. Non Gynaecological cytology: including fine needle aspirations, urines, body fluids.

To ensure prompt diagnosis of medical conditions and to support timely referral for treatment it is important the reporting turnaround times are in line with the proposed Royal College of Pathologists Key Performance Indicators.

Current situation

The majority of examinations requiring a pathologist report are currently undertaken by internal Trust consultant histopathologists, who offer a high-quality timely service when issuing reports. When we are unable to recruit histopathologists, in times of histopathologist's sick leave or during high demand for histopathology services, the backlog of reporting can increase and reporting turnaround time is lengthened, thus compromising patient care. In addition, extra lists to reduce waiting times and deal with the increased demand for examinations generate extra reporting, which at times can also create a backlog.

As Histopathology is a core component on the majority of patient pathways, any delays in reporting can effect patients' return appointments to their clinician — potentially compromising the 18 week RTT target.

The perceived benefits of a Remote Reporting Service are:

Clinical Benefits

- Capacity and flexibility to provide a first class histopathology service when absentee levels are high, in instances of annual leave and when there are vacant posts.
- Meet or exceed 18 weeks RTT target.
- In house Histopathologists able to prioritise clinical lists during periods of annual leave.
- Any back log of reporting would be identified.
- Extra additional lists would be reported at a set/known cost.
- Auditable Quality Assurance.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

85111800 Pathology services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Lowest offer 230 000 and Highest offer 280 000 GBP

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

IV.2. Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Price. Weighting 40
2. Quality. Weighting 60
3. Delivery Performance
4. Risk
5. Overall cost effectiveness

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

Section V: Award of contract

Lot title: The provision of Histopathology Reporting services

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

9.2.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Unilabs

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V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 303 700 GBP

excluding VAT

If annual or monthly value:

Number of years: 2

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:

no

VI.2. Additional information

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

VI.3.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The contracting authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point of information on the decision to award the contract is communicated to bidders in accordance with Regulation 32A of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Any bidder wishing to appeal the decision to award

the contract, or after the award of the contract, appeal the award, shall have the rights as set out in Part 9 of the Public Contract Regulations.

VI.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

18.5.2016