

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Officer Decision

The call-in which has expired and this decision can be implemented

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 23 January 2025
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 28 January 2025

1. **TITLE: Procurement of Toxicology Provision for West London Coroner's Court**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **DECISION:**

1. That Appendices 1 and 2 are not for publication on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information) pursuant to Schedule 12A, paragraph 3 Local Government Act 1972.
2. To note the amendment to the previously approved strategy to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Provider Selection Regime over the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') for healthcare and related goods and services, and that those Regulations be followed to determine the award of contract using Direct Award Process C.
3. Subject to receiving no written representations from providers during a standstill period, to approve the award of the contract for toxicology services to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for a 2-year contract, with the option to extend for up to 2 further years.
4. In the event that written representations are made during the standstill period, to make a further decision in accordance with the Regulations whether to enter into the contract or go back to an earlier step and repeat that step and subsequent steps in accordance with the procedure set out at Direct Award Process C.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The current contract with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals for the provision of toxicology services is due to expire on 31/12/2024 and it cannot be extended. Analysis of toxicology is vital to help ascertain the cause of death for some deceased who have been referred to the coroner for investigation. The Award of contract will enable the Council to comply with Contract Standing Orders and PSR obligations.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

As described on the appendices.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

Date of Decision
21 January 2025