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## **Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG)**

Ministry of Justice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Medical report writing service for prisons in England and Wales, to be conducted remotely by General Practitioners.

This in line with the Early Release on Compassionate Grounds Policy Framework.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services
- 75231230 - Prison services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 85141000 - Services provided by medical personnel

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

In line with the Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG) Policy Framework, the Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS), within the Public Protection Group (PPG) in HMPPS, require independent medical advisors to provide a view on ERCG applications for health and social care related cases.

The role of an independent medical advisor is to review and interpret the clinical reports contained within the ERCG application.

A medical advisor must be a qualified doctor with current General Medical Council registration.

This is a crucial and essential part of the application process. The medical advisor will be expected to review the reports, provide a plain English summary, and provide a view on whether the clinical criteria for consideration for ERCG is met. This will be written in a format that is accessible to non-clinical personnel within PPG/HMPPS, to inform their decision making. There may, on occasion, be a requirement for provision of follow up addendums.

The Authority is considering establishment of a Framework to deliver this service. The service requires a quick turn-around from application; urgent requests are required within 24 hours, and non-urgent requests are required within 72 hours. The service will be conducted remotely and will be available to all prisons within England and Wales. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 100 applications per annum across the Framework. This volume estimate is provided for illustrative purposes only and should be treated as a best estimate at the time of publication. The Authority provides no guarantees of volumes, monetary commitment, or future requirements whatsoever.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

18 March 2024

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No