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Contract

## **Covid Inquiry Solicitors**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

Procurement Services, Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board, Woodlands House, 2nd Floor, Maes-Y-Coed Road,

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Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Covid Inquiry Solicitors

Reference number

CAV-OJEU-PROJECT51719

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

Services

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

The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, hosted by Velindre NHS Trust are acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board who sought to establish a contract for legal advice and support to participate in the UK Government Covid-19 Public Inquiry.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

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

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

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

The process of supporting the Health Board to provide comprehensive and relevant disclosure and thereafter provide ongoing advice and support in relation the production of witness evidence and the review of the evidence of other participants, represents a major undertaking for the small (3 person) in house Inquiry team that has been established to lead this work. Accordingly, the Health Board are looking to source additional capacity and support from external solicitors.

The Health Board will require support and advice to enable the Health Board to comply, in a timely and efficient manner, with preparation for and responses to requests made of it by the Inquiry. This will include but is not limited to, disclosure obligations and the preparation of witness evidence.

Further requirements are outlined in the specification document.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

There is an urgent requirement for external legal services to support the Health Board through the Covid Inquiry.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-030949](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CAV-OJEU-PROJECT51719

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

10 January 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Hempsons

100 Wood Street

London

EC2V7AN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £450,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:128014)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom