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## **Supply and Manufacture of Investigational Medicinal Products (IMPs) for the Clinical Trial: "Examining Antibiotics for Ulcerated Skin Cancer Surgical Excision"**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Procurement Services

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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Main address

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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.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**

Supply and Manufacture of Investigational Medicinal Products (IMPs) for the Clinical Trial:  
"Examining Antibiotics for Ulcerated Skin Cancer Surgical Excision"

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB) is undertaking a clinical trial entitled 'Examining Antibiotics for Ulcerated Skin Cancer Surgical Excision', funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment Programme (Ref: NIHR 160872). As part of this clinical trial, an Investigational Medicinal Product (IMP) needs to be manufactured and distributed.

#### **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: £116,645

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

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

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

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

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

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

Supply and Manufacture of Investigational Medicinal Products (IMPs) for the Clinical Trial: "Examining Antibiotics for Ulcerated Skin Cancer Surgical Excision"

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB) is undertaking a clinical trial entitled 'Examining Antibiotics for Ulcerated Skin Cancer Surgical Excision', funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment Programme (Ref: NIHR 160872). As part of this clinical trial, an Investigational Medicinal Product (IMP) needs to be manufactured and distributed. The IMPs required are:

-Flucloxacillin 2 x 500mg capsules, over encapsulated

-A matching placebo of inert filler, over encapsulated to match flucloxacillin 2 x 500mg capsules.

The successful supplier will be responsible for the manufacture, packaging, labelling, Quality Assurance (QA) certification, storage, shipment, and regulatory compliance (CTIMP regulations) associated with the trial's IMPs.

After extensive market research and consultations with multiple suppliers, it has been concluded that only one supplier, Simbec-Orion, has the capability to fulfil the full scope of the contract requirements. This includes:

- Over encapsulation of flucloxacillin and matching placebo
- Packaging and labelling of the final product
- Compliance with clinical trial regulations (CTIMP)
- Storage and shipment logistics to participating NHS sites
- QA certification and regulatory compliance for blinded clinical trials

Simbec-Orion will also source the bulk IMP (4 lots of flucloxacillin, 1 lot of placebos), over encapsulate the product, and ensure all necessary documentation and quality assurance procedures are met.

Simbec-Orion is uniquely positioned to meet the requirements of the clinical trial due to its established capabilities in the manufacture and regulatory compliance of Investigational Medicinal Products (IMPs). No other supplier was found to be able to offer the complete set of services required for this project.

#### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research. In addition, Simbec-Orion is positioned to meet the requirements of the clinical trial. No other supplier was found to be able to offer the complete set of services required for this project.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Contract No**

CAV-VEA (24-25) 169

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 January 2025

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

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £116,645

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership are publishing this notice on behalf of;

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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A standstill period of 10 calendar days from publication of this notice will be observed by the authority prior to entering into a contract.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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