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## **Virtual Hearings Solution**

General Medical Council (GMC)

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Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02919f

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

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

General Medical Council (GMC)

3 Hardman Street

Manchester

M3 3AW

#### **Email**

[gmctenders@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmctenders@gmc-uk.org)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1619236340

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gmc-uk.org>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Other type

Health Regulator

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Virtual Hearings Solution

Reference number

GMC1208

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

- 32232000 - Video-conferencing equipment

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

Supplies

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

The pandemic has necessitated a move to virtual tribunal hearings at the GMC (using Skype for Business) and we anticipate that this new approach may become BAU after the pandemic for some hearings. The current Skype process has issues around the identification and management of participants attending the hearing and is limited in terms of how it can be used for more complex hearings. A dedicated virtual hearing solution is sought to remedy the main issues identified with the current process and provide an improved experience from the perspective of Tribunal users and attendees.

Solution requirements (not exhaustive):

1. Offers a secure virtual hearing room and secure linked meeting rooms
2. Enables a Clerk to actively manage the hearing, i.e.:
  - a. Move participants between rooms
  - b. Remove participants from the hearing
  - c. Mute participants
  - d. Communicate with participants via instant messaging
  - e. If possible offers role-based automation options for participants joining/leaving the hearing
3. Provides clear identification of participants, ensuring GDPR compliance
4. Offers the opportunity to join hearings via browser or PSTN with the ability to ensure participant anonymity where required (i.e. vulnerable witnesses)
5. Allows the observation of hearings without participant functionality

6. Allows recording of the hearing (audio only)

7. Offers the potential to run hybrid hearings (i.e. both virtual and office-based attendees), with compatibility options for the recording of office-based hearings

Proposed Supplier Date (virtual) – 24th February am

To book a 30 minute slot, please email Chris Park (Procurement Manager) via [procurement@gmc-uk.org](mailto:procurement@gmc-uk.org). We will operate on a first come first served basis.

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

Value excluding VAT: £130,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 32232000 - Video-conferencing equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

3 May 2021

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## **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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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