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Contract

## **NHS Scotland Assure Research Service Commissioning Partner**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**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**

NHS Scotland Assure Research Service Commissioning Partner

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

The NHS Scotland Assure Research, Development & Innovation Service seeks to award a contract for a lead agency to support the assessment, management and administration of a portfolio of research projects. The successful bidder will be expected to support the assessment of calls alongside NHS Scotland Assure and facilitate and manage associated research projects, in alignment to specific research needs and priorities as defined by NHS Scotland Assure. The successful bidder will ensure the implementation of appropriate oversight and governance structures and processes for research commissioning and management; inclusive of overall responsibility for the administration and management of agreed third party funds.

The NHS Scotland Assure Research, Development and Innovation service is a service whose remit is to achieve a coordinated research portfolio, supporting the development of evidence-based guidance and research, to deliver safe healthcare environments that are free from avoidable risk. Further to the above, the service will seek to ensure that the most up to date and robust research is translated into practice as new and emerging evidence become available.

The service will share best practice and changes in standards/models for the built environment (as detailed in the scope below) across the world to inform and learn from guidance and capital projects. Alongside identification, prioritisation and coordination of research areas and activities the service will cultivate and sustain international connections with built environment and IP&C subject matter experts, healthcare providers, academia and research institutions.

The service will commission, tender and disseminate research worldwide whilst working alongside other NHS Scotland Assure services (e.g. Assurance and Guidance) to identify

priority research needs and ensure they are aware of, and respond to, findings of published research as it becomes available. This will not only support NHS Scotland Health Boards to increase their knowledge to manage built environment risks, but will also ensure Scotland is recognised internationally as an expert in the field.

The scope of research areas includes, but is not limited to;

- Design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of water systems including drainage-
- Design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of Ventilation systems
- Pathogens, the microbiome, AMR, transmission risks and burden of disease in the hospital environment
- Hospital design including size and single room provision; e.g. hand wash basin provision / waterless / surface design to reduce transmission
- The built environment post-pandemic and lessons learned from COVID-19
- Human factors/Ergonomics and Infection Prevention and Control in hospital design and the built environment and how it is used
- Climate change requirements and the unintended consequences on built environment risks
- The role of safety and harms in relation to medical gases, electrical systems and fire safety, and their impact on patient and staff safety in the hospital environment

#### **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: £1,150,000

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

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

This requirement comes under the scope of Research and development services as defined within Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 therefore the provisions of the regulations do not apply to this procurement process. However, to identify a suitable Research Partner the Authority has elected to conduct a light touch procurement process following the principles of transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination, and proportionality.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Governance Procedures & Processes / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery Plan / Weighting: 35

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The estimated value of the contract may increase should additional funding streams become available.

### **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

#### **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**

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 January 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 2

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: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

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

Edinburgh Napier University

Colinton Road

Edinburgh

EH10 5DT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,150,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.