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Award

Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS)

NWSSP Cardiff and Vale Local Health Board

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS)

Reference number

CAV-DCO (22-23) 147

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33158210 - Stimulator

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Neurosciences department within Cardiff and Vale Local Health Board currently perform Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS) therapy. VNS therapy is delivered through an implanted device that sends mild pulses to the vagus nerve at regular intervals throughout the day in an effort to reduce and/or prevent seizures. Patients are referred to this type of therapy when drugs have failed to provide a more manageable treatment. These devices are programmable for a personalised therapy approach and the technology is highly specialised.

Currently Livanova hold the monopoly of the global market for VSN products as they hold the patent for the manufacture and production of these stimulators, therefore the Health Board are proposing to award a two year contract.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33158210 - Stimulator

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff CF14 4XW

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As stated in the description above.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Livanova hold the patent for VSN products and therefore have a monopoly of the global market. Due to this, the Health Board have no other option than to award a contract direct to Livanova UK Limited as these products are the only items that can reduce and/or prevent seizures for patients.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

CAV-DCO (22-23) 147

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 February 2023

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

LivaNova UK Ltd

1370 Montpellier Court, Gloucester Business Park

Gloucester

GL34AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:128705)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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