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## **The Provision of Regulator Medical Support Services Framework**

The Nursing and Midwifery Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

The Nursing and Midwifery Council

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London

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

The Provision of Regulator Medical Support Services Framework

Reference number

NMC-00000304

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

The NMC in collaboration with the other UK healthcare regulators, wishes to appoint a provider(s) to undertake Toxicology services where there is complaint about a registrant's health or misconduct. In addition, we wish to appoint a provider(s) to undertake medical examiner services for our registration and fitness to practise proceedings. Lastly, we (the NMC) wish to appoint a provider(s) of nursing and midwifery experts who are trained and able to provide independent opinion regarding care provided by registrants who receive complaints about their fitness to practise.

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Provision of Toxicology Services (Drug and Alcohol Testing)

Lot No

1

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

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - LONDON

- UKM - SCOTLAND
- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND
- UKL - WALES

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

On request of the NMC, the provider will be responsible for arranging appointments with individuals on our register, or those applying to join our register, for samples to be taken for drug and/or alcohol testing. The provider will be responsible for testing the samples and providing a comprehensive report to the NMC which explains the results, within agreed timeframes. The provider must be able to carry out more than one method of sample testing, and be able to test for a variety of substances. The samples and testing must be carried out in a manner that complies with chain of custody and with ISO standards ISO/IEC 17025:2017

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Provision of Medical Examiner Services

Lot No

2

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

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 80320000 - Medical education services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - LONDON
- UKM - SCOTLAND
- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND
- UKL - WALES

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

The provider will be the point of contact between the NMC case teams and Medical Examiners. The provider will need to have a pool of Medical Examiners available to conduct examinations, provide independent reports and attend NMC hearings to give evidence. The pool of examiners will need to contain a range of expertise in psychiatry, occupational health, substance misuse and general medicine. When requested, the provider will need to source the appropriate Medical Examiner, within the contract price, and provide them with the necessary medical records, which the provider will need to source (consent would have already been obtained). The provider is responsible for the quality of the reports, as well as feeding back any issues with reports or performance concerns, and is responsible for the timeliness of reports provided to the NMC. The provider will be responsible for handling data in line with GDPR and in strict adherence to agreed timeframes.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Provision of Expert Witness Services

Lot No

3

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

- 71319000 - Expert witness services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - LONDON
- UKM - SCOTLAND
- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND
- UKL - WALES

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

The provider will be the expert witness' point of contact, and will liaise with the NMC case teams for all arrangements of hearing attendance. The provider will need to have a pool of, or be able to source, expert witnesses to conduct reviews of evidence, provide independent reports and attend NMC hearings to give evidence. The experts will need to contain a range of expertise in nursing and midwifery. The provider will be responsible for the quality of the report and making sure it is provided within the agreed timescales and contracted prices

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 April 2021

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

9 April 2021

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2 2LL

Country

United Kingdom