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## **HLA TISSUE TYPING FOR BONE MARROW VOLUNTEER DONORS PERFORMED BY 3RD PARTY SUPPLIER**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

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**

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

- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents

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

Supplies

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

The unrelated bone marrow volunteer donors are recruited at blood session and added to the donor panel, the HLA tissue typing is outsourced to a 3rd party supplier. The Tissue typing is critical to the matching of a donor with a patient and hence the provision of a life-saving stem cell transplant. The service provided is HLA tissue typing for all relevant genetic markers to facilitate a stem cell transplant. The supplier provides CCR5 testing CCR5 testing (mutation called delta 32 that is protective against the common HIV virus strains)

#### **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: £140,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - WALES

Main site or place of performance

Welsh Blood Service

Talbot Green

Pontyclun

CF72 9WB

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

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#### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

As an international stem cell registry the WBMDR has been working hard to maintain the provision of stem cell products to facilitate transplants locally and globally during this COVID-19 pandemic. We have experienced many challenges such as reducing donor exposure, international flight quarantine, grounding of commercial flights, using freight and cargo flight to transport stem cells (HTA full knowledge), transportation of cryopreserved stem cells to name but a few. Unfortunately, reacting to these changes and implementing safe and viable alternative processes has taken up a great deal of time and the fact that we are working with European registries on this tender process, who have themselves experienced the same COVID related issues, has meant that progress has been limited. This is therefore an interim arrangement whilst a re-tendering process is undertaken.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 March 2021

#### **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**

Histogenetics

300 Executive Blvd

Ossining/NY

10562

Telephone

+001 9147620300

Country

United States

NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

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: £140,000

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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**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Velindre NHS Trust will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful.

Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1.

Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2015.

