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Contract

## **Supply of Surgical Masks**

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

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**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.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Supply of Surgical Masks

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

Supplies

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

NWSSP Partnership wish to inform the market that they awarded a one off purchase for the supply of Surgical Masks on behalf of NHS Wales.

#### **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: £21,150,000

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

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

NWSSP Partnership wish to inform the market that due to the COVID-19 global pandemic they have awarded a one off purchase for surgical masks.

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

Price

### **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:

Please see additional information

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 March 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

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

Continuum Scotland Ltd

5 Stuart Drive, Bishopbriggs

Glasgow

G642AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £21,150,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed

significant pressure on the global supply market in terms of a range of products including type IIR masks, and fluid resistant masks.

COVID-19 is transmitted via small airborne droplets emitted by infected people when sneezing, coughing or talking. Therefore, a wide array of protective products designed to ensure protection are used such as face masks. As a consequence of the pace of the virus spread and following Government guidance, surgical masks must be used by all healthcare workers in an inpatient and social care clinical setting. This has significantly increased the day-to-day usage of the surgical masks.

Due to this Government guidance it was essential for NWSSP to purchase a significant quantity of masks to be able to support NHS Wales and Social Care residencies in Wales during this unprecedented time. Following a rapid review of the market conditions, finite supply and demand of the Type IIR masks, NHS Wales required a consistent high quality and quantity pipeline of supply for the NHS as well as for social care and private providers who treat NHS patients within Wales.

To enable this rapid delivery, NWSSP Partnership would like to inform the market that under Regulation 32 (2) (c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR's) Continuum Healthcare were awarded a one off purchase of masks to ensure continued quality supply.

In awarding this purchase, the Health Board met all the tests under the PCR's due to the immediate risk that COVID-19 posed to all NHS and social care personnel. In these exceptional circumstances, there was no time to run an accelerated procedure in line with PCR's as immediate and continued pipeline of significant quantities was urgently required.

COVID-19 is a global emergency pandemic and the high volume of PPE required was not something that could have been predicted.

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

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom