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Award

Supply of AccuRx System to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Supply of AccuRx System to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

AccuRx is a communication tool used in primary care to bring everyone together who is involved in a patient's care. AccuRx build tools that allow GPs and other health professionals to communicate more effectively with their patients in order to deliver top quality care. This includes medical surveys, text and photo responses, patient triage, text messaging, Covid vaccination booking, and with the plus version video consultations and digital documents.

Prior to the pandemic accuRx had already established itself as a popular chain SMS product and during the course of the pandemic it has evolved quickly to provide other functionalities. For clinical practitioners who use it there is a consensus that it is one of the most transformative software applications to come into general practice in recent years. It is especially useful for the new way of working across primary care as a result of the pandemic. Its benefits include less trips to surgeries leading to reduced Covid transmission risk, less traffic congestion and environmental pollution, a freeing up of administration time and less patient congestion aiding social distancing. All benefits that will continue into the future. The system links into clinical systems such as EMIS already in use in general practice and additional functionalities include bulk messaging and direct emailing consultants.

Until the 31st March 2021 accuRx has been free to use for general practices across Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and it is felt that losing this service will have a detrimental effect on the ability of practices to run in a seamless and efficient way. One of the benefits of accuRx is the responsiveness of the software engineers to design and implement additional functionalities. An example of this would be a video consulting tool which was put in place in the space of about 5 days.

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: £395,270

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - WALES

Main site or place of performance

North Wales

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

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

5 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

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NUTS code

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £125,050

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £204,910

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Features required

Digital documents PLUS

Text + Photo PLUS

Request a text or photo response

Attach a document

Video consultations PLUS

Flores for asthma and covid monitoring essential

Flores Plus option - home BP monitoring, pre check diabetes questions, mental health reviews in particular.

Batch messaging/appointment – reminders

Triage tool – to fit in with total triage

Vaccination booking (accuBook) – to enable practice booking but importantly across a group of practices – e.g. for vaccination bookings across an area

Patient triage utility, some of these practices already have e-Consult.

Willingness to engage and work with general practices in a responsive and timely way.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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