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Award

EXTENSION TO CONTRACT - BENEFITS ADVICE SERVICE

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

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UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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Main address

<http://www.procurement.wales.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

http://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

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Reference number

16/2214/VEAT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Mental Health Clinical Board has a requirement to extend the existing contract for the Benefits Advice Service. The Contract expiry is due on 31st March 2021 in line with the original contract award against Tender 16/2214. As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Mental Health Clinical Board have had to realign priorities and respond to the situation and therefore have not had the time that was originally planned to work on the renewal Tender and therefore seek an annual extension.

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: £50,480

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aim of the service is support for many people with mental health problems who find it difficult, or even impossible to cope with complicated money, debt and benefits issues which sometimes demand interviews or physical examinations as well as a great deal of form filling. Mental health problems can cause severe debt, and severe debt can cause mental health problems.

The aim of this service contract is to deliver services to a vulnerable client group by reducing 'access' barriers and providing early intervention, to ensure that financial issues do not develop into debt, and as a consequence potential homelessness and to ensure income maximisation , through welfare benefit and debt advice, enabling access to a basic income.

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:

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board wish to extend the existing contract with Riverside Advice for a 12 month period. The Health Board were not in a position to spend the time originally planned to re-tender the requirements due to the unexpected COVID 19 Pandemic and priorities within the Clinical Board having to change to respond appropriately to the situation. Furthermore by extending the 3rd Sector Contracts for an additional year will help to enable them to recover from Covid which in turn will help in re-stabilising their organisations. Work is now underway to prepare the necessary specification documents to allow a full Tender exercise to renew these contracts in line with this VEAT expiry. The extension will provide seamless service continuation.

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

16/2214 VEAT

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 November 2020

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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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £50,480

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

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract. Should additional information be required from the addressee in section 1.1 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.