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## **Workforce Specialist Services**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

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

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

Gyle Square (NSS Head Office), 1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**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**

Workforce Specialist Services

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

- 85312320 - Counselling services

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

Services

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

The Provider will deliver on behalf of the Authority a Workforce Specialist Service (WSS), a confidential assessment and treatment service. This will be available to all regulated health and social work and social care staff working as part of the Scottish workforce.

The workforce specialist service will offer specialism in treating and supporting regulated practitioners who:

- experience increased risks of suffering mental illness including difficulties with addiction and suicidality.
- suffer stigmatisation and difficulty accessing confidential assessment and treatment for mental health;
- and who are reluctant to seek help due to concerns about professional implications (e.g. regulator involvement, detriment to career progression, impact of having time off sick).

The service provided is expected to be led by a multi-professional team with experience in treating regulated professionals.

The service should offer specialism in treating addictions including capability to provide or arrange in-patient detoxification and/or rehabilitation therapy.

The provider will also support mobilisation, advisory and consultancy support for the Workforce Specialist Service

## **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: £1,300,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract may be extended for up to 12 months

### **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.2.14) Additional information**

The contract will run for an initial period of 12 months, from 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023, with the option to extend for up to a further 12 months

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Authority believes there is only one provider capable of meeting its requirement for this service.

The Authority will enact a 10 day standstill period from publication of this notice prior to entering into any contract.

#### **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**

21 February 2022

#### **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**

Hurley Group

Ebenezer House, Kennington Lane

London

SE11 4HJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £1,300,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=684872](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=684872).

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

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

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Telephone

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.



