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Contract

## **EXTENSION TO CONTRACT - BENEFITS ADVICE SERVICE**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, 2nd Floor Woodland House, Maes Y Coed Road, Heath

Cardiff

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](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

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**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.2.13) 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) Form 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.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

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### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-005184](#)

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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

26 March 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 1

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

RIVERSIDE ADVICE

41A LOWER CATHEDRAL ROAD, RIVERSIDE

CARDIFF

CF116LW

Telephone

+44 2920341577

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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

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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

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.

