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Tender

## **Post Qualifying Framework for Social Workers in Wales – Commissioning Programmes Development and Delivery**

Social Care Wales

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**13 May 2022, 11:00am**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

Social Care Wales

South Gate House, Wood Street

Cardiff

CF10 1EW

#### **Email**

[procurement@socialcare.wales](mailto:procurement@socialcare.wales)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3003033444

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.socialcare.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0289](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0289)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.sell2wales.gov.wales](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.sell2wales.gov.wales](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales)

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

[www.sell2wales.gov.wales](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Welsh Government Sponsored Body

## **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Social Care Regulation

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Post Qualifying Framework for Social Workers in Wales – Commissioning Programmes Development and Delivery

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

- 80300000 - Higher education services

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

Services

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

Social Care Wales are seeking to appoint a supplier to deliver a new post-qualifying framework to provide a coherent continued professional development pathway for social workers. It was designed to replace the three defunct CPEL modules – consultant social worker, experienced practitioner and senior practitioner.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

For the purposes of this commission, The purpose of this new post-qualifying framework is to provide a coherent continued professional development pathway for social workers. It was designed to replace the three defunct CPEL modules – consultant social worker, experienced practitioner and senior practitioner. If all components are completed it is equivalent to a Masters level.

Social Care Wales requires a Higher Education Institution (HEI), or group of HEIs working together, to use the agreed model for the delivery of the new Post Qualifying Framework (The Framework) and the agreed learning outcomes for these programmes to:

- develop the curriculum and assessment methodology for the new Framework
- produce learning and programme materials
- validate the programmes
- submit the programmes for Social Care Wales approval in accordance with The Approval and Inspection of Post Qualifying Courses for Social Workers (Wales) Rules 2018
- undertake active promotion of the programmes to employers across the social care sector
- deliver the approved programmes for relevant social workers across Wales in line with the regulatory requirements of Social Care Wales; and
- have the ability to deliver the approved programmes through the medium of Welsh and English.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will run initially for three years, with the potential of a renewal period for an additional seven years (with break clauses inserted allowing Social Care Wales to terminate the agreement at its absolute discretion should there be a requirement to do so).

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

No element of the service should be chargeable and must be in line with the HMRC's exemption for welfare counselling <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-income-manual/eim21845> and must also take account of HMRC's rules in relation to 3rd party gifts <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-income-manual/eim21715>

Any provision should be delivered in line with the financial and legal elements of a core Assistance Programme with further guidance available at <https://www.eapa.org.uk/eap-resources/>

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

## **IV.2) Administrative information**

### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

25 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

13 May 2022

Local time

11:00am

See the [change notice](#).

### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English, Welsh

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=119944](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=119944).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom