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Planning

CCR Endoscopy Challenge

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

CCR Endoscopy Challenge

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP), hosted by Velindre NHS Trust are acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board (CAV UHB) in issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN).

The notice is to alert the market that CAV UHB and the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) intend to support a challenge to Industry across England and Wales to the value of GBP 600,000.00 for innovative solutions to the scope outlined in this notice.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Endoscopy waiting lists in Wales continue to face significant pressure. During the height of the pandemic the provision of diagnostic, therapeutic and surveillance endoscopy

collapsed. Today, as capacity returns slowly towards normal, the numbers of patients waiting for endoscopy has spiralled. Patients deemed non-urgent such as those waiting for surveillance colonoscopy and those thought to be at less risk of cancer continue to wait due to the lack of capacity. There is evidence that even patients with high risk symptoms or positive screening tests are also having to wait far longer than desirable. Some patients admitted as in-patients and needing to have an endoscopic examination before discharge are waiting in precious hospital beds until a slot can be found in the endoscopy department for the procedure.

Current endoscopy technology is reusable and capital costs are between GBP60,000.00 to GBP100,000.00 per endoscope. After each use, the endoscope needs to be decontaminated using specialist units costing roughly GBP1 million per year to run.

Endoscopy waiting lists represent a continuing challenge for the NHS in Wales. The additional demand exceeds available capacity therefore, increasing the value secured through spend on endoscopy is critical to secure a sustainable future for the service.

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) are looking to offer the opportunity to rapidly assess and develop novel solutions and technologies that have the potential to accelerate disruptive innovation in reducing the burden of work on endoscopy suites, which could cover several areas such as (but not limited to):

- New training methods to upskill Health Care Professionals to improve the quality of referrals and increase workforce capacity
- New endoscopy procedures
- Faster decontamination/cleaning/workflow systems
- Development and/or implementation of new non-invasive technology
- AI/advance analytics to monitor, manage and signpost patients on the waiting list

The aims are as follows;

- Better management of demand, ensuring maximum value is delivered by the service
- People will get a diagnosis sooner
- Improved capacity within the service
- Fewer complications
- Improved recovery and discharge from hospital

II.2.14) Additional information

Any interested parties should email Emma Lane, Senior Procurement Business Manager with their contact details, a short description of potential opportunities and their experience in the applicable field.

Further details on the project will then follow.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 June 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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