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Award

Provision of CAMHS Professionals

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://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**

Provision of CAMHS Professionals

Reference number

STA (21-22) 21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Health Board have a requirement for agency staff who specialise and have experience of working in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

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: £270,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Cardiff and Vale UHB

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Children, Young People and Family Health Services require additional staff that will work as part of the multi-disciplinary Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services, providing specialist advice, support, assessment and intervention to identified pathways for children and young people's complex mental health conditions.

The work is emotionally demanding, working with clients with complex problems. This involves sometimes working with people with interpersonal difficulties or avoidant behaviours and the challenges this presents to the therapeutic process. It is also emotionally demanding working closely with people who have suffered severe traumas such as childhood sexual abuse.

The staff will be expected to work with complex problems within the time limited framework required by the department.

Staff must hold a number of qualifications as follows;

- Relevant Masters Degree and professional qualification (one or more of the following):
- Registered Mental Nurse (Nursing & Midwifery Council Reg'd),
- Registered Nurse for Learning Disabilities (Nursing & Midwifery Council Reg'd)
- Registered in Social Work (General Social Care Council or Health and Care Professions Council or Care Council for Wales Reg'd),
- Registered in Occupational Therapy (Health Professional Council Reg'd)
- Postgraduate Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (or its equivalent) as accredited by the British Psychological Society (Health Professional Council Reg'd and eligible for Chartered Clinical Psychology status of the BPS)
- Evidence of continuing professional development

Staff must also demonstrate their extensive experience to be suitable for this requirement

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Health Board is including an extension option up to the 31st March 2022.

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 Health Board have exhausted internal options for the increased staffing requirement including a recruitment campaign, utilisation of the staff bank and secondment opportunities. As a consequence the Children, Young People and Family Health Services have sought external provision. CAMHS Professionals is an agency staffing provider, specialising in candidates that are trained and have significant experience of working in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. They have a large pool of suitably trained staff available for booking, with many available in the local area for face to face work rather than working solely remotely. There are a number of key differences between Welsh and English CAMHS services and having access to local staff with experience of the Welsh CAMHS system and local services is helpful in mobilising staff quickly in to roles to meet the high demands on services. Similarly, access to Welsh candidates supports our commitment to The Welsh Language Measure. The skill level and experience of candidates always meets and often exceeds the requirements of the service.

The service is currently utilising two members of agency staff sourced through CAMHS professionals for specialist roles in the team under a contract that will expire on the 30th June 2021. The service has a requirement to retain these staff in the roles for continuity of care until roles are permanently filled, failure to do so will be detrimental to the care of young people. As this is an increased value.

On the basis of the above, the Health Board are issuing this notice to the market and applying a 10 day standstill period prior to awarding a three month contract from the 1st July 2021 with an option to extend up to the 31st March 2022 if required.

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

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 May 2021

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

CAMHS Professionals

8 Hepscott Road

London

E95HB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £270,000

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

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful. Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.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.