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Contract

RPS Training

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

F03: Contract award notice

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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.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

RPS Training

Reference number

HEIW - STA - 782

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

HEIW has a requirement for the continued delivery of structured training to support community pharmacy novice independent prescribers as part of the Pharmacy Independent Prescribing Service (PIPs). Following a successful pilot programme in collaboration with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), which provided expert-led workshops to build confidence and competence in prescribing, HEIW now seeks to commission 32 training events over three years. These sessions, delivered both virtually and in-person, will cover four key topics per year, ensuring independent prescribers receive high-quality therapeutic training aligned with the community pharmacy contract in Wales.

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: £95,550

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HEIW sought to procure a structured training programme to support community pharmacy novice independent prescribers as part of the Pharmacy Independent Prescribing Service (PIPs). This procurement will cover the delivery of 32 educational events over three years, with four key topics per year and eight sessions per topic. The training will be provided both virtually and in-person, incorporating expert-led teaching, case studies, interactive discussions, and supporting learning materials. The aim is to enhance the confidence and competence of independent prescribers, ensuring they can effectively deliver prescribing services within community pharmacy settings in Wales.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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

Explanation:

The award of this contract without prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) is lawful, as the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is the only recognised professional leadership body for pharmacists in the UK with the exclusive expertise, intellectual property, and accreditation required to deliver this specialised training. RPS has already co-developed and successfully piloted the programme in collaboration with HEIW, possessing unique knowledge, bespoke materials, and a proven methodology tailored specifically to community pharmacy independent prescribers in Wales. Given the absence of competition for technical reasons and the exclusive rights held by RPS over the training content and methodology, no other provider can deliver this programme without significant duplication of effort, cost, and disruption. A competitive tender would therefore not provide additional value and may delay the timely delivery of essential training, making the direct award both lawful and justifiable under the regulations.

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

Contract No

HEIW - STA - 782

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £95,550

Total value of the contract/lot: £95,550

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:149580)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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