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Award

Purchase of DPYD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) testing kits

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

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

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

Purchase of DPYD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) testing kits

Reference number

CAV-STA (2021/2022) 9

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

All Wales Genomics Laboratory (AWMGL) has been providing testing for DPYD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) deficiency since July 2020. Germline variants in the DPYD gene can confer an increased risk of severe or fatal toxicity for cancer patients being treated with common fluoropyrimidine based chemotherapies, 5-fluoruracil and/or capecitabine. Therefore results allow clinicians to assess if the treatment is suitable for the patient.

Due to considerable increase in the demand for the test the AWMGL intends to award a two year contract (for a period of 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months) to ensure continuity of service to the patients of NHS 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: £232,200

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

All Wales Medical Genomics Service, Institute of Medical Genetics, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

All Wales Genomics Laboratory (AWMGL) has been providing testing for DPYD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) deficiency since July 2020. Germline variants in the DPYD gene can confer an increased risk of severe or fatal toxicity for cancer patients being treated with common fluoropyrimidine based chemotherapies, 5-fluoruracil and/or capecitabine. Therefore results allow clinicians to assess if the treatment is suitable for the patient.

The test has continued to grow in demand across Wales for an established DPYD service and as a consequence AWMGL is now required to advertise their intention award a contract to Yourgene Health UK without prior advertisement.

The Elucigene DPYD assay provided by Yourgene Health UK Limited is deemed the only technology suitable for meeting the lab requirements for the following reasons;

The test has already been validated by the laboratory as it has been used for a number of years, therefore meets the standards required to deliver the service. A change in technology or provider would require a considerable validation process which would have considerable cost and time implications to the laboratory and would be extremely detrimental to patient care.

The technology used for the test is also used for other services provided by the AWMGL. This further provides evidence that the technology is already suitable for use and also allows streamlining of in house testing.

The equipment needed for the test is already in place. Change in technology may incur considerable extra costs from requirement to purchase and maintain new equipment.

Elucigene DPYD assay is IVD marked; thereby future-proofing the test for any future requirements for the lab to use IVD approved technologies for this test.

Test was cost assessed by the department at the point of validation and has been deemed the most cost effective method of testing (taking into consideration all the points above)

NWSSP Procurement Services intends to award a contract on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, AWMGL, for the supply of a The Elucigene DPYD assay provided by Yourgene Health UK Limited, for the unique reasons outlined above. The contract is estimated to commence in July 2021, for a period of two years (to be awarded for 12 months with the option to extend for a further 12 months) for estimated quantity of 144 kits (3600 samples) per annum. The contract will include all associated services.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

All Wales Genomics Laboratory (AWMGL) has been providing testing for DPYD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) deficiency since July 2020. Germline variants in the DPYD gene can confer an increased risk of severe or fatal toxicity for cancer patients being treated with common fluoropyrimidine based chemotherapies, 5-fluorouracil and/or capecitabine. Therefore results allow clinicians to assess if the treatment is suitable for the patient.

The Elucigene DPYD assay provided by Yourgene Health UK Limited is deemed the only technology suitable for meeting the lab requirements for the following reasons;

The test has already been validated in the lab and is confirmed as being suitable for use. A change in technology or provider would require a considerable validation process which would have considerable cost and time implications to the lab and be extremely detrimental to patient care.

The technology used for the test is also used for other services provided by the AWMGL. This further provides evidence that the technology is already suitable for use and also allows streamlining of in house testing.

The equipment needed for the test is already in place and maintained. Change in technology may incur considerable extra costs from requirement to purchase and maintain new equipment.

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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

1 June 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

Yourgene Health

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Manchester

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

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: £232,200

Section VI. Complementary information

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=111498.

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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 Ryan James (ryan.james3@wales.nhs.uk).

The Contracting Authority will enter into this Contract following a minimum 10 day calendar day standstill period starting on the day after this notice is published on Find a Tender. If legal proceedings are commenced in relation to the contract award, it will be necessary to suspend the award of the contract pending further order of the Court, or the authority may voluntarily decide (at its discretion) to suspend the award of contract whilst any outstanding queries are dealt with. We will not be liable for any costs or losses incurred by you as a result of any suspension of the contract award or as a result of any other action made necessary by any challenge.