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Award

Women's Health Needs Assessment

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

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Scope

Reference

CAV-FTS-61145

Description

In December 2024, the National Strategic Clinical Network for Women's Health published the first 'NHS Wales Women's Health Plan' (the Plan). The Plan is a ten-year vision (2025-2035) that outlines an NHS Wales approach to improving the health outcomes for women in Wales. Women's Health Plan for Wales launched - NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

The 10-year plan has been two years in the making and follows the publication of the Welsh Government's Quality Statement for Women's and Girls' Health in 2022. This made clear that approaches to healthcare need to change so women can access the care they need in a timely way; that the health service is responsive to their choices and needs and that research and development reflects women and girls' lived experiences.

It is an NHS Plan, which has been co-ordinated and led by the National Strategic Clinical

Network for Women's Health (the Women's Health Network) with involvement from NHS staff, colleagues, experts in the field, and third sector organisations. It builds upon the work of the 'Discovery Report', which captured the voices of 4000 women and girls in Wales.

The Plan will be delivered over ten years, through 64 short, medium and long-term actions. It will follow a life course approach, with a focus on delivery of services from 16 years of age, often an important time of transition within health services for girls. The Plan has 8 priority areas:

1. Menstrual Health
 2. Endometriosis and Adenomyosis
 3. Contraception, Post-Natal Contraception and Abortion Care
 4. Preconception Health
 5. Pelvic Health and Incontinence
 6. Menopause
 7. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
 8. Ageing Well and Long-term Conditions Across the Life Course
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Contract 1. Women's Health Needs Assessment

Supplier

- Claire Cairns Associates Ltd

Contract value

- £39,333 excluding VAT
- £47,200 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

13 February 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 February 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 1 month, 9 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UKL2 - East Wales

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

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Region: UKE12 - East Riding of Yorkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Women's Health Needs Assessment

Contracting authority

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

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales