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Contract

Diagnostic Assessments of Autism for Children and Young People

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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Buyer's address

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.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Diagnostic Assessments of Autism for Children and Young People

Reference number

P0338

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) requires a single contract with Healios Ltd in line with a time-limited initiative to help reduce waiting times to accessing a diagnostic assessment of autism for children and young people.

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: £499,863.12

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL14 - South West Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) requires a single contract with Healios Ltd in line with a time-limited initiative by Welsh Government to help reduce waiting times to accessing a diagnostic assessment of autism for children and young people.

The service will provide key outcomes for the Health Board in terms of Improving Waiting Times for Children's Neurodevelopmental Service. Subsequently improving the health and wellbeing of Future Generations through earlier identification of neuro-divergence and subsequent support needs.

Assessing Autism requires a highly specialist skill set, and delivery partners must adhere to applying the following key principles:

- Risk assessment to include risk of harm to service user, or service user's risk to others
- Risk management plan
- Multidisciplinary team approach
- Childhood development history
- Clinical interview with informant
- Clinical Interview with individual
- Observation Assessment
- Obtain School/College information
- Use of a valid diagnostic tool(s) as specified in current NICE guidance
- Diagnostic Threshold as set out in DSM5 or ICD-11
- Comprehensive report detailing how diagnostic threshold has/or has not been met
- Feedback of outcome to client.

In line with the funding requirement providers will need to:

- Be able to provide services with immediate effect from March 2025.

- Service implementation meetings are expected to commence in March 2025.
- Must have extensive experience of diagnostic assessment in autism of children and young
- Must have extensive experience of cross-sector working with HDUHB.
- Must have a proven track record of successful partnership working outsourcing diagnostic assessments for Health Boards
- Must have developed stabilised professional relationships with schools, colleges and parent carers across Hywel Dda University Health Board footprint to facilitate prompt engagement and receipt of relevant information required
- Must have knowledge of the relevant services and established links with locally commissioned services for children's neurodevelopmental (ASD) services.
- The Delivery Partner must have knowledge and links to similar services the health provides (including contractual)
- Have comprehensive knowledge of Welsh Government policy and legislation pertaining to neuro-divergence children and young people.
- Conduct the bulk of the referral and processing services involving primary engagement with parent carers
- Have established effective working relationships with Children's ND (ASD) Service, Mental health services, Local Authority and Primary Health partners across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

This is a time-limited initiative to help reduce waiting times to accessing a diagnostic assessment of autism for children and young people.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 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: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Healios Limited

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Country

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £499,863.12

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

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