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Planning

Health and Medical Assessment and Expert Witness Services in relation to Fitness to Practice

General Dental Council

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Scope

Description

The General Dental Council (GDC) will be to procuring Health and Medical Assessment Services in relation to its Fitness to Practice cases.

The GDC has a duty to protect the public and patients and investigate concerns about dental professionals and where appropriate, take action through our FTP process. To enable informed and timely decisions throughout the process, we require an independent contractor to provide specialist medical assessments and testing to provide findings on dental professional's fitness to practice. The result of any testing and the report will be relied upon to make decisions in FTP cases. Expert witnesses may be required to attend hearings.

High-level scope

The supplier will be required to:

- provide health and medical advice and assessments of the health of dental professionals following notification of mental health, anxiety issues, drug or alcohol related cautions or

convictions although there will also be other circumstances for example, but not limited to, concerns about impaired vision, hand tremors etc.

- provide a wide range of health and medical assessments and toxicology testing, along with a findings and recommendation report.
- facilitate appointments across the four nations of the United Kingdom.
- provide an assessment report detailing the clinical findings in relation to the dental professional's state of physical and/or mental health with particular reference to the issues raised.
- attend as an expert witness for hearings

Procurement Timelines:

Indicative timeline

Top level activity Start End

Procurement 13 May 2025 10 June 2025

Evaluation 11 June 2025 02 July 2025

Contracting 03 July 2025 24 July 2025

Mobilisation 25 July 2025 03 September 2025

Contract Go Live (5 years contract plus 12 exist management time) 04 September 202503 January 2031

This service provision falls with Schedule 1 -Light touch services of the Procurement Regulations 2024. We will determine whether this procurement remains as a below threshold.

We anticipate award a contract for an initial 3 years with the option for it to be extended by a further 2 years. There will also be an additional 12-week contract exit period to complete cases and execute the contract exit plan only.

If your organisation possesses the capability and expertise to provide the required service and you would like to register your interest in this requirement; please download and complete the expression of interest form on the Delta eSourcing website. Expression of Interest form need to be submitted via Delta eSourcing portal messaging facilitate midnight on 5 May 2025.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Health-services./7V9S466P78>

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Total value (estimated)

- £576,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 September 2025 to 28 November 2028
- Possible extension to 28 November 2030
- 5 years, 2 months, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

We anticipate award a contract for an initial 3 years with the option for it to be extended by a further 2 years. There will also be an additional 12-week contract exit period to complete cases and execute the contract exit plan only.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 May 2025

Enquiry deadline

23 May 2025, 1:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 June 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<http://delta-esourcing.com>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Health-services./7V9S466P78>

Expression of interest form

Contracting authority

General Dental Council

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