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Award

Extension to Contract - Hospice Inpatient Services

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.procurement.wales.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

http://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

Extension to Contract - Hospice Inpatient Services

Reference number

16/2271/EC/VEAT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Hospice has been providing specialist palliative care for patients with complex needs who need 24/7 assessment and management by a specialist multidisciplinary team. This service is delivered in an inpatient setting within the geographical area of the Health Board and works collaboratively with the Cardiff and Vale Health Board to deliver Prudent Healthcare for the local population. The proposed extension allows for the Health Board to align all the palliative care contracts to a common end date in readiness for the re-procurement exercise that is due to commence.

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: £502,806

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Extension of the existing contract to align the end date to the Health Boards other Palliative Care Contracts so that the re-procurement of all contracts can be reviewed.

The provider is widely recognised as a pioneer of palliative care services and a leader in the field in research, innovation of service delivery and partnership working. Service delivery is built on exceptional governance and business continuity systems, underpinned by robust policies, procedures and structures ensuring consistently high standards in quality and reliability of patient care.

This service will set out to fulfill the specialist palliative care services function for patients and carers as part of a care pathway for end of life care, made up of many diverse elements of service.

End of Life care can be defined as the health and social care received in the period preceding and after death provided to both patients and their carers. It is not disease specific and covers patients with increasing general frailty at the end of their life. It is also not defined by a period of time, rather the identification of increasing need for support, within the context of progressive advanced disease. Within the overarching service delivery for end of life care, there is a requirement for a specialist element of care, and this contract continuation provides such a specialist service.

The service will address the specialist palliative care needs of the most complex patients and provide support to them as inpatients at the Hospice to maintain and improve their functional abilities and well being.

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:

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board wish to extend the existing contract with Marie Curie Cancer Care for a 9 month period. The Health Board were not in a position to spend the time originally planned to re-tender the requirements due to the unexpected COVID 19 Pandemic and priorities within the Clinical Board having to change to respond appropriately to the situation. Furthermore by extending the 3rd Sector Contracts for an additional year will help to enable them to recover from Covid which in turn will help in re-stabilising their organisations. Work is now underway to prepare the necessary specification documents to allow a full Tender exercise to renew these contracts in line with this VEAT expiry. The extension will provide seamless service continuation.

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

16/2227/EC/VEAT

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 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

Marie Curie

7th Floor, 89 Albert Embankment

London

SE17TP

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £502,806

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board wish to extend the existing contract with Marie Curie Hospice for a 9 month period. The Health Board were not in a position to spend the time originally planned to re-tender the requirements due to the unexpected COVID 19 Pandemic and priorities within the Clinical Board having to change to respond appropriately to the situation. Furthermore by extending the Contract for an additional 9 months will align the end dates to our other palliative care contract renewals and will help to enable them to recover from Covid which in turn will help in re-stabilising their organisations. Work is now underway to prepare the necessary specification documents to allow a full Tender exercise to renew these contracts in line with this VEAT expiry.

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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

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 Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2015.

