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Award

Purchase of Rare or Inherited Disease Test Directory testing for Welsh patients

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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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 Rare or Inherited Disease Test Directory testing for Welsh patients

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33910000 - Pathology dissection instruments and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

In-line with All Wales Medical genomic Service's (AWMGS) commissioning model, AWMGS will procure from CeGaT whole exom sequencing (WES) for trio or singleton virtual panel analysis, MLPA and single gene testing for patients where this testing cannot be accessed within the NHS E laboratory network. This genetic testing will ensure equity

of access to genomic testing for Welsh patients and meet their need to seek a timely genetic diagnosis for their rare or inherited disease.

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: £660,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NWSSP Procurement Services intends to award a contract on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, AWMGS, for the supply of whole exom sequencing (WES) for trio or singleton virtual panel analysis, MLPA and single gene testing from CeGAT. The contract is estimated to commence in June 2024, for a period of two years.

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 Service (AWMGS) is commissioned by the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) (formally WHSSC) to provide genetic testing for Welsh patients which is equitable to the Clinical Indications stated in the NHSE Rare and Inherited Disease Test Directory. NHS E patients can currently access a range of Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) tests for rare and inherited diseases delivered from within the 7 Genomic Laboratory Hub service model. As a single service provider within Wales, there is necessarily a reliance on external services to enable delivery of the entire Test Directory.

In-house service developments are ongoing to increase the number of genetic tests delivered from within AWMGS and there are significant repatriations planned but these will not go-live until 2025 – 27 (services will be introduced over a 18–24-month basis) following completion of the GLIMS and relocation projects.

Due to a lack of testing capacity of NHS England laboratories to carry out the WGS based tests, reliance has been made on incumbent private provider CeGat. Given current organisational pressures to deliver an effective service, it has been noted that additional capacity be provided to suppress demand. Equally, CeGAT have absorbed the sample courier responsibilities as part of the sample pathway, which has reduced the impact on AWMGS staffing. There have also been a number of MDT mechanisms established to ensure that reporting of patient results is consistent between AWMGS and CeGAT. This is critical to service delivery as it ensures equity for patients that are being referred to AWMGS and means that they are not at risk of receiving differing testing approaches depending on if testing was delivered in house or via an external laboratory. This level of bespoke service and customisation meeting the specification defined in the AWMGS standard operating procedures and consistent with UK best practice reporting guidelines is essential to delivering a robust and equitable, high-quality service. Given the bespoke attributes of the current contract, a direct award approach negates additional expenditure of the service and extended timelines.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 May 2024

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

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- DE1 - Baden-Württemberg

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: £660,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=141500.](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=141500)

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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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