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## **Chemotherapy ePrescribing and Administration System [CEPAS]**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

### **II.1.1) Title**

Chemotherapy ePrescribing and Administration System [CEPAS]

Reference number

NP507723

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

CEPAS (Chemotherapy ePrescribing and Administration System) is an integrated electronic chemotherapy prescribing and patient scheduling system. It underpins systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT) delivery across 14 NHS Boards in Scotland via the three Regional Cancer Networks: the West of Scotland Cancer Network (WoSCAN), North Cancer Alliance (NCA) and South East Scotland Cancer Network (SCAN). It supports both adult and paediatric SACT prescribing.

CEPAS supports all stages of the SACT treatment pathway from initial treatment assessment, prescribing, scheduling, dispensing and administration to monitoring of treatment related effects and outcomes. An ability to access CEPAS instance across different services/ sites (potentially out with NHS setting) is also desirable, to support developing services and sharing of information.

CEPAS will utilise CHI as the primary patient identifier to access and transfer patient demographic and laboratory results data, held in local NHS Board SCI Store repositories, to CEPAS.

CEPAS supports a library of SACT regimens and corresponding supportive care inclusive of investigational (phase 1-3) and unlicensed treatments.

CEPAS must have robust security access features and modification systems with in-built audit and transparent quality assurance. It also requires, as a clinical system, a robust 24/7 support. Software support and training supplied from the manufacturer needs to be clearly defined.

National Services Scotland, on behalf of NHS Scotland and the three Regional Cancer

Networks, is performing a market research exercise to explore what is possible with a view to replacing the current contracts which will end 30 April 2026.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212000 - Programming services of application software
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The market research exercise will inform whether a framework agreement or national contract is most suitable. This may be dependant on the availability of digital cloud solutions in the market.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

4 November 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please download the CEPAS Market Research Questionnaire from this Public Contracts Scotland prior information notice and return completed, and as instructed in the questionnaire, by 16:00 Wednesday 26 June 2024.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=732919](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=732919).

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