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Contract

HCV "Follow Me" project roll out

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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

HCV "Follow Me" project roll out

Reference number

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board have a requirement to award contract to Hepatitis C Trust to continue the Follow Me project activities that are contracted until the

end of May 2023. The CAV Area Planning Board have agreed to commission the service as part of its Welsh Government Revenue Grant core funding. Thus, ensuring the HCT continues to work alongside commissioned Substance Misuse Services and associated partners to enhance activities aimed at preventing, diagnosis of HCV infections and linkage to treatment and care. This funding will allow seamless continuation of the Follow Me programme which has been successful since the adaptation of the HCT Peer to Peer support programme that has been delivered since 2010. During this time HCT has garnered and built substantial expertise. A robust induction and training package enables peers to access additional skills and an accredited qualification. Regular supervision, one to one support and regular service user feedback ensures the level of skills are monitored and maintained.

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: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In response to this the Hepatitis C Trust (HCT) have been successful in developing and implementing projects across the UK, designed to support diagnostic testing and linkage to care of HCV in a variety of settings. This includes a Follow Me Project which sees the deployment of peer support workers (with lived experience of HCV) to settings and services working with high prevalence communities to carry out testing for viral hepatitis. This resulting in individuals being given appropriate advice on reducing the risk of onward transmission, signposted to an appropriate service for further intervention, supported in attending the service and supported through treatment. This peer-based intervention has been designed to improve access to testing and treatment and deliver effective treatments to these high prevalent groups with all of the associated benefits including improved individual health, reduced morbidity and mortality, reduced transmission and reduced need for expensive health care and utilisation of scarce resource.

Despite the outcomes and progress achieved to date, limitations made to National Liver Disease Implementation Group funding has not permitted further extensions to the HCT

national contract, and continuation of Follow Me Project activities beyond May 2023. In order to prevent loss of progress, maintenance of peer networks and ensure continuation of service the CAV Area Planning Board have agreed to commission the service as part of its Welsh Government Revenue Grant core funding. Thus, ensuring the HCT continues to work alongside commissioned Substance Misuse Services and associated partners to enhance activities aimed at preventing, diagnosis of HCV infections and linkage to treatment and care. As part of this commission it is expected the service would continue to deliver the following activities (but not limited to):

Delivery of specialist training, awareness raising workshops across APB partner services.

Consult and offer specialist advice to APB partner services on enhancing current BBV diagnosis and treatment pathways.

Undertake community testing events .

Undertake routine testing on those most at risk.

Supporting those with a HCV diagnosis into treatment, including those lost to follow up.

Support local HCV Clinical Nurse Specialists find and follow up patients.

In addition to the above, it is intended the HCT Follow Me Project team (Project Coordinator and Peer Support Lead) would continue to develop its network of volunteer peers across Cardiff and Vale UHB, as highlighted above, to support delivery of workshop activities and directly engage clients of relevant services into testing and treatment where needed. This work would require the project Peer Coordinator supported by the Hepatitis C Trust (HCT) Regional Manager to continue in its development and maintenance of local partnerships across the Health Board and explore opportunities for the project to be scaled up, expanded, and supported through existing services.

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Hepatitis C Trust is the national charity for hepatitis C. Operational since 2001, their aim is to ensure no one dies from this preventable and treatable disease, and it is eliminated from the UK.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2023

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: 1

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

The Hepatitis C Trust

72 Weston Street

London

SE13QG

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note additional information on this procurement:

1. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole, in part or annul the tendering process and not award any contract.
2. Bidders should note that they will be required to enter into NHS terms and conditions of contract and that save for matters of clarification or consistency the Contracting Authority will not negotiate the terms.
3. Bidders should note that NHS Shared Services Partnership - Procurement Services is acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale UHB

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

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.