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Contract

## **Consultancy work in relation to the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics Programme**

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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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **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](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Consultancy work in relation to the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics Programme

Reference number

CAV-ITT-PROJECT40225

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

NHS Procurement Wales, on behalf of the Wales Cancer Network, wishes to invite proposals for the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics (RDC) programme.

Evaluation is an integral part of the work we do within the Wales Cancer Network, and we use findings to facilitate learning, drive service improvement, inform future programme development, and guide decision-making. We are committed to assessing whether we have achieved our objectives and the processes which led to success (or not).

The RDC programme is a national initiative supporting Health Boards in Wales to provide General Practitioners (GPs) with a referral pathway and RDC to investigate vague symptoms that may be caused by cancer. The programme commenced in December 2020 and is due to complete in March 2023. A Rapid Diagnosis Clinic (RDC) provides a diagnostic route for patients with non-specific but concerning (vague) symptoms who do not fit into a standard Suspected Cancer Pathway, because of the absence of clear 'red flag' symptoms. RDCs aims to:

- Support earlier diagnosis for patients with vague, non-specific symptoms that could be cancer
- Reduce cancer diagnoses via emergency presentations
- Improve overall patient health outcomes by detecting cancer earlier
- Improve patient and GP experience
- Identify and manage other serious non-malignant disease or those at risk of developing serious illness

The aim of the evaluation is to provide an independent assessment of the RDC programme and deliverables to:

- communicate the impact, value and learning
- inform Health Board sustainability plans for RDCs across Wales
- inform future developments and programme approaches within the Wales Cancer Network

#### **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: £45,180

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

NHS Collaborative - Cardiff

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

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Aim:

- to support the implementation and sustainability of an RDC Service in all Welsh Health Boards, using a nationally coordinated, locally implemented programme approach

Objectives:

- to provide the necessary tools and evidence to deliver a high quality and person-centred service to patients with vague symptoms suspicious of cancer

- to develop and deliver educational resources to support the learning and sharing of good

practice between Health Board RDC models

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- inform Health Board sustainability plans for RDCs across Wales
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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70%

Price - Weighting: 30%

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-029194](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CAV-ITT-PROJECT52024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 February 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

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**

MEL Research

Somerset House, 37 Temple Street

Birmingham

B25DP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £45,180

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This notice refers to a contract that was awarded on 01/02/2023 and has been completed.

(WA Ref:142899)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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