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## **Commissioning the Cardiff University simulation suite and a new head of ophthalmology**

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](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**

Other activity

Health & Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Commissioning the Cardiff University simulation suite and a new head of ophthalmology

Reference number

HEIW - STA - 725

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

HEIW has commissioned access for trainees on the Wales Ophthalmology Specialist Training programme to simulation equipment and facilities within the Ophthalmic Simulation Suite in Cardiff University's School of Optometry and Vision sciences. Welsh Government have issued GBP 760,000 of funding to support the development of the Ophthalmic Simulation suite to meet the Royal College of Ophthalmologists curriculum requirements for Ophthalmology training. HEIW have agreed to funding on an annual basis as a proportionate contribution towards the management, running and consumable costs for the centre.

#### **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: £170,000

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

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

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

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### **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**

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:

There is currently a shortage of Consultant Ophthalmologist in Wales, with further challenges in recruiting and retaining new trainee Consultant Ophthalmologists. The scale of this shortage was recently highlighted in an external report which showed that there are currently 1.8 Ophthalmology Consultant per 100,000 population which is the lowest in the UK. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists recommends that there should be 3 to 3.5

Consultant Ophthalmologists per 100,000 population.

The provision of high-quality simulation training has recently become a mandatory requirement of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists training curriculum. This includes a requirement for simulation training before a trainee operates on a patient. To deliver this for trainees in Wales a dedicated Ophthalmic Simulation Suite in Cardiff University's School of Optometry and Vision sciences has been developed and funded through Welsh Government funding. HEIW have commissioned access to the equipment and facilities within the Simulation Suite for trainees on the Ophthalmology Specialist Training Programme in Wales.

Whilst facilities and resources are available at different centres across the UK these are not available for Wales trainees to access.

Trainees will be accessing the facilities on a weekly basis taking time out of their clinical roles to develop these essential skills to improve patient care.

The ophthalmology simulation suite aligns with 3 of the 4 of HEIW's externally facing strategic objectives: 1. to lead the planning, development, and wellbeing of a competent, sustainable, and flexible workforce to support the delivery of 'A Healthier Wales'. 2. to improve the quality and accessibility of education and training for all healthcare staff ensuring that it meets future needs. 3 to develop the workforce to support the delivery of safety and quality.

#### **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 V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

H0725

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

15 June 2023

#### **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**

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY, 30 36 NEWPORT ROAD

CARDIFF

CF240DE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £170,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=142916.](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=142916)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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