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Award

Production of learning materials for clinicians for early diagnosis of cancer

NHS Education for Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002

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

Production of learning materials for clinicians for early diagnosis of cancer

Reference number

W002167

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71317200 - Health and safety services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex-ante transparency (VEAT) notice. This notice is to indicate that NHS Education for Scotland (NES) intends to contract with Gateway C (The Christie NHS Foundation Trust) for a period of 3 years for the production of learning materials for clinicians for early diagnosis of cancer

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: £326,700

II.2) Description**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Production of learning materials for clinicians for early diagnosis of cancer

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 works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason: absence of competition for technical reasons

Within Scotland a gap has been identified in the provision of early detection of cancer since the CRUK Clinical Engagement Team's programme closed at the end March. Scottish Government have recognized that additional resource is required to fill this gaps. There is a need for ongoing education around existing guidelines and also for a mechanism to educate widely and with pace when guidelines change as is likely as we recover from Covid. There is also a need to ensure cancer education is available across the whole pathway so that personalised care and support can be offered to enable the best possible outcomes and patient experience. Education across the whole pathway can help to reduce the burden on primary care professionals if non-clinical issues are identified early and patients are signposted to local community-based services (e.g. Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) services or other third sector organisations).

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) have been commissioned to provide the most cost effective resource to fill the gap required in learning that can be easily accessed by a wide range of primary care staff. The requirements of the project have been scoped and during this process Gateway C has been identified as a current source of learning provision for both England and Wales with learning materials being developed in collaboration with NHSE. It is believed that this is the only provider of the full suite of learning materials required to roll out a programme of learning across Scotland in the timeframe required. NES have also looked at producing similar learning materials in house but the indicative cost is far higher than procurement of the Gateway C platform of learning materials. The use of this platform of materials would also mean equity of access to health professionals across the UK who can access the materials for free at point of registration.

No other providers have been identified that host materials developed by recognised health professionals with all of the required learning materials in one place.

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

1 August 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

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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: £326,700

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers St

Edinburgh

EH11LB

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United Kingdom