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Tender

## **Total Diet Replacement Products, Patient Resources & Medical Support to Support the Dietetic Led Diabetes Remission Service in Wales**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02e312

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

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Cardiff

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**Country**

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.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

Total Diet Replacement Products, Patient Resources & Medical Support to Support the Dietetic Led Diabetes Remission Service in Wales

Reference number

TBA

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

- 15882000 - Dietetic products

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

Supplies

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

1. The supply and provision of 3-4 meal replacement shakes per day for approximately 150 patients (ie. Approx.12,600 -16,800 shakes per month). These must be nutritionally complete and available in a variety of flavours both sweet and savoury

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

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 15882000 - Dietetic products

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Community Dietetics Dept

Riverside Health Centre

Wellington St

Cardiff

CF11 9SH

But Deliveries of products will be across various Hospital sites in Wales

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

Background:

Type 2 diabetes (T2DM) is a serious condition which can get worse over time and is a growing health concern. It's a lifelong condition for many people, but evidence is emerging that it does not have to be for everyone. Treatments have historically focused on optimizing glycaemic control using pharmaceutical agents. Data from studies utilizing total diet replacement (TDR) to facilitate weight loss have shown that the most significant predictor of remission is weight loss.

Dietitians from 4 health boards within Wales have been supporting eligible people with T2DM to manage their weight and achieve remission. The current programme supports people toward achieving remission through the use of fully funded TDR to facilitate weight loss over an initial 12 week period, within a structured intervention (Counterweight Plus) which offers a total of 12 months continued regular support with a Dietitian.

To enable the roll out across Wales of the Dietetic led diabetes remission intervention:

Good & Services Required

1. The supply and provision of 3-4 meal replacement shakes per day for approximately 150 patients (ie. Approx.12,600 -16,800 shakes per month). These must be nutritionally complete and available in a variety of flavours both sweet and savoury,
2. A central point for the ordering and distribution of the product to the participants.
3. Structured competency-based training and mentoring for the dietitians across Wales delivering the intervention.

4. Resources for screening patients for suitability.
5. Provision of medical support around the use of total diet replacements (TDR) with certain individuals who have more complex health needs.
6. Production and the updating, of medical management guidelines to support GPs manage patients whilst on the 12 month diabetes remission intervention. These include monitoring and medication adjustment guidelines.
7. Produce and update staff resources, which are available to support the delivery of the intervention as either face to face/ virtual one to one and/or group based.
8. Produce and update patient resources, suitable for both face to face /virtual one to one and/or group-based delivery of the intervention.
9. Provide support for data collection and evaluation.
10. Produce evidence that the products and resources have been used to support diabetes remission, mirroring the DiRECT study.

#### Timescales

The provider is required to confirm that they have the capacity and capability to provide and supply the product and resources to participants across Wales throughout the duration of the 12-18 month intervention, commencing November/December 2021 (assuming the bidder is awarded the contract).

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

At this stage it is not yet known what providers exist in the market therefore this notice is issued inviting suppliers to provide more information on the products they supply in order to explore the option to issue a tender via a competitive exercise pending on the responses received.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As set out in the Invitation to Tender when issued

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As set out in the Invitation to Tender when issued

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

26 October 2021

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English, Welsh

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

1 November 2021

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

(WA Ref:114196)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will allow a 10 calendar day standstill period for aggrieved bidders to raise any concerns. Any formal grievance should be issued to the address in VI.4.1) Review body