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Contract

Academic research: Review of children & adolescent gender identity services

The NHS Commissioning Board (operating under the name of NHS England)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-023613

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029499

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The NHS Commissioning Board (operating under the name of NHS England)

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

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

Academic research: Review of children & adolescent gender identity services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Lot 1A participative, primarily qualitative research project with the principle aim to understand the full range of outcomes for young people with gender dysphoria, seeking to capture their perspectives on their journey, and their views on how services could and should be delivered in the future. Awarded value £687,040.83 Lot 2A broad-based literature review including an interface with the gathered evidence from the professional community. Awarded value £210,470.18

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: £897,512

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England and Improvement recently announced an independent review into children and adolescent gender identity development services (for under 17s) which is commissioned by NHS England's specialised commissioning directorate - (ToR of review

https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GIDS_independent_review_ToR.pdf). This review requires extensive, expert led research and engagement in order to successfully make recommendations to inform the future shape of gender identity development services for children and young people. A key principle of the review is that it must be participative, evidence based and incorporate lived experience in order to formulate conclusions and recommendations that will command the confidence of stakeholders. The research streams outlined in this specification have been designed to achieve these ends. Specifically, the outputs required are to achieve the best available collation of published evidence, and qualitative and quantitative research that can feasibly be produced within the timeframe of the review. Recognising that the published evidence is unlikely to be of high enough quality to form the sole basis for the recommendations of the review, a process is needed for synthesising the published evidence and research outputs of the academic team(s) with stakeholder submissions and expert opinion. This will involve a consensus development approach, using Delphi or other appropriate tools, and we would anticipate that the research team(s) would be integral to this important stage of the review. The review will report to NHS England's Commissioning Committee and a project assurance group, Chaired by Dr Cass has been set up to oversee the work. The project assurance group will assist the Chair in ensuring the process and conduct of review is appropriate, fit for purpose and that decisions are transparent. The assurance group does not contain subject matter experts or service users and their role is strictly the governance of the review process, not to inform outcome. The group includes ethics, legal, and research expertise, plus experience in CYP advocacy, and CYP participation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: 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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of York

Heslington, York

York

YO10 5DD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

N/A

Internet address

www.york.ac.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £897,512

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>