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Planning

Autism Services for Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot PDU in Wales

Ministry of Justice

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Probation Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Autism Services for Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot PDU in Wales

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231240 - Probation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking to procure Autism support services for People on Probation within the Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot Probation Delivery Unit (PDU) within the Wales probation region. The Authority is seeking to launch a competition in December 2021 using the Probation Service Dynamic Framework (PSDF), with an indicative contract award date of January 2022 and service commencement in February 2022.

A recent MOJ call for evidence on neurodivergence estimates that approximately 15-20% of the adult population has some form of neuro-divergence (ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism etc.) with Autism affecting 1-2% of the population. However, the evidence submitted also suggests that individuals with neuro-divergence are significantly over-represented in the Criminal Justice System with 5–7% of those referred to liaison and diversion services having an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC).

In order to better understand the needs of the caseload in Wales and to develop an approach which addresses the gap in specialist support for people with autism, the requirement is an initial pilot in the Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot PDU. The service is likely to involve an assessment, support for people on probation (including face to face delivery) and consultation support for Probation Practitioners where a person on probation does not wish to engage with the service provider but early assessment indicates a tailored approach would be beneficial. The intention is that the outcome of this pilot will help to inform future commissioning of an all Wales service.

Actions required:

1. Interested bidders should submit Selection Questionnaires in order to be qualified on to the Probation Service Dynamic Framework (PDSF) under service category DF.07

Emotional Wellbeing in order to then be invited to bid for these opportunities.

2. The Authority will be conducting a virtual Market Engagement event on Tuesday 9th November 2021. Please contact ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk to book your place by no later than Friday 5th November 2021.

The Authority is happy to be contacted by any providers that may be able to provide services to this region. Please contact us at ProbationDynamicFramework@justice.gov.uk. Please note, the procurement will be conducted through the PSDF. Only Providers who have submitted a PSDF SQ and qualified onto the PSDF under service category DF.07 Emotional Wellbeing will be invited to bid.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75230000 - Justice services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As per the description in section 2

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 January 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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If you have any queries regarding this potential tender opportunity, please contact

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