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Award

Blood glucose consumables and EQA materials

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership - Procurement Services

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Blood glucose consumables and EQA materials

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of blood glucose consumables (testing strips) and EQA materials.

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: £237,488.02

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL15 - Central Valleys

Main site or place of performance

CTM UHB region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Blood glucose monitoring refers to testing the concentration of glucose in the blood to aid

the management of Diabetes types 1 & 2.

Similarly, monitoring the presence of ketones in the blood is also important as high levels can result in complications such as Ketoacidosis.

This procurement will involve the supply of Blood glucose monitoring equipment(meters) and associated consumables (Test-strips for the

Point of Care Testing Service at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. This will be to renew the

existing arrangement with Abbott Laboratories Ltd.

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 current contract with Abbott Laboratories Ltd ended on the 30th of September 2021. The Health Board's intention was to enter into a new contract with Abbott Laboratories Ltd through a direct award under the terms of a Public Sector Framework.

This would enable sufficient time for NWSSP Shared Services Procurement to undertake a formal market-test exercise, to award a new All Wales Framework. Currently, the Health Board's POCT Service is not able to contemplate an alternative supplier for the reasons

outlined

below:

The migration of operators to a completely new device would need to be completed on a rolling basis with full training for every member of staff. The POCT Team is not in a position to support this due to the extra training demands in relation to Covid-19 and the clinical areas are still finding it difficult to release staff to attend training, due to staffing pressures.

The current management of testing allows for staff to move flexibly from one area or site to another. During the process of migration, this flexibility will be lost to a degree with some areas using the new meter and other areas using the existing meter, this could expose the HB

to risk, given current staffing pressures.

The Health Board cannot find a Public Sector Framework with which to engage with Abbott Laboratories Ltd at this time and therefore, there is no opportunity to make a compliant direct award.

For the reasons outlined above and to ensure continuity of service for patient care, the Health Board has no option but to enter into a 12-month agreement without any formal underpinning Framework arrangement.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

8 October 2021

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

Abbott Laboratories Ltd

Abbott House, Vanwall Business Park

Maidenhead

SL64XE

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: £237,488.02

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=115133.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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