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Tender

Consultancy work in relation to the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics Programme

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<http://NWSSP.Cardiff.Procurement@wales.nhs.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://NWSSP.Cardiff.Procurement@wales.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Consultancy work in relation to the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics Programme

Reference number

CAV-ITT-PROJECT40225

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Procurement Wales, on behalf of the Wales Cancer Network, wishes to invite proposals for the evaluation of the all-Wales Rapid Diagnosis Clinics (RDC) programme.

Evaluation is an integral part of the work we do within the Wales Cancer Network, and we use findings to facilitate learning, drive service improvement, inform future programme development, and guide decision-making. We are committed to assessing whether we have achieved our objectives and the processes which led to success (or not).

The RDC programme is a national initiative supporting Health Boards in Wales to provide General Practitioners (GPs) with a referral pathway and RDC to investigate vague symptoms that may be caused by cancer. The programme commenced in December 2020 and is due to complete in March 2023. A Rapid Diagnosis Clinic (RDC) provides a diagnostic route for patients with non-specific but concerning (vague) symptoms who do not fit into a standard Suspected Cancer Pathway, because of the absence of clear 'red flag' symptoms. RDCs aims to:

- Support earlier diagnosis for patients with vague, non-specific symptoms that could be cancer
- Reduce cancer diagnoses via emergency presentations
- Improve overall patient health outcomes by detecting cancer earlier

- Improve patient and GP experience
- Identify and manage other serious non-malignant disease or those at risk of developing serious illness

The aim of the evaluation is to provide an independent assessment of the RDC programme and deliverables to:

- communicate the impact, value and learning
- inform Health Board sustainability plans for RDCs across Wales
- inform future developments and programme approaches within the Wales Cancer Network

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

NHS Collaborative - Cardiff

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Aim:

- to support the implementation and sustainability of an RDC Service in all Welsh Health Boards, using a nationally coordinated, locally implemented programme approach

Objectives:

- to provide the necessary tools and evidence to deliver a high quality and person-centred service to patients with vague symptoms suspicious of cancer
- to develop and deliver educational resources to support the learning and sharing of good practice between Health Board RDC models

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

6

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 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

Details can be found within the tender documents. The documents can be obtained from eTender Wales Bravo Solutionas

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.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As stated within the ITT

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

1 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Please note additional information on this procurement:

1. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole, in part or annul the tendering process and not award contract.
2. Bidders should note that they will be required to enter into terms and conditions of contract as set out in the ITT and that save for matters of clarification or consistency the Contracting Authority will not negotiate the terms.
3. The Contracting Authority will not accept completed ITT's after the stated closing date.
4. All documents to be priced (where applicable) in sterling and all payments made in sterling.
5. All tender costs and liabilities incurred by bidders shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders.
6. In reference to II.1.9 (Variants) to the extent permitted, if at all, in the tender documents.
7. Prospective suppliers should note that NHS Shared Services Partnership - Procurement Services is acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale

ULHB.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=65818.

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on

Sell2Wales at http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=68368

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The Health Board will ensure that this procurement process, which is being undertaken in accordance with the Open Procedure, pursuant to and as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) Light Touch Regime.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://www.procurement.wales.nhs.uk>