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Award

Student Award System

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

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

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

Student Award System

Reference number

AW049

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of the Student Awards System is to manage the processing of student bursary applications. The Student Awards Service Team process circa 9,600 student applications a year and receive circa 12,000 phone calls a year.

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: £57,250

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of the Student Awards System is to manage the processing of student bursary applications. The Student Awards Service Team

process circa 9,600 student applications a year and receive circa 12,000 phone calls a year.

The project scope will focus on the Students Awards Service and Student Streamlining Service within the Employment Services Division

of NWSSP and will engage with key stakeholders such as Students, Higher Education Institutes and Commissioning body Health

Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW).

The overall project scope is to provide a procured framework for Shared Services to draw down a Student Bursary Application solution to

support the management of bursary applications and contribute to improving the bursary application experience for Healthcare Students. In

addition to that, the solution is required to support a number of additional service efficiencies that have been identified and present timely

opportunities to align with other key initiatives such as Student Streamlining. The solution will also be required to support the delivery of

our entire services for Healthcare Students and stakeholders in both Welsh & English

throughout each stage of the solution.

DELIVERABLES

The key deliverables for the Student Awards Bursary System will be bilingual & based on the following:

1. Implement, test & go live achieved before 31st March 2023 – Bursary solution.
2. Implement, test & go live Student Streamlining module – Autumn 2023. Interface will be required for this module.
3. Receive online student applications.
4. Request evidence to support the student application.
5. Enable assessment of the application and evidence by the service.
6. Adhere to Information Governance policies and procedures where applicable and maintains confidentiality.
7. Communicate application outcomes to students.
8. Provide knowledge management to students via solution.
9. The solution must be able to function in Welsh and English for students and operational stakeholders applying the same functionality principles at each stage of the solution and comply with Welsh Language Measure Act 2011 & Welsh Language Standards 2018.
10. Ability to monitor progress & performance through stages of student bursary pathway.
11. Digital dashboard that is interoperable for key end user & stakeholder.
 - i. Student dashboard
 - ii. Team dashboard
 - iii. Manager dashboard
 - iv. Stakeholder view
12. Suite of standard & customisable reporting based on business rules highlighting for

example performance delays / bottlenecks within

pathway with an ability to directly link with non-compliance records (drill down). This function would be available to the administrator

licence.

13. Ability to interface with other NHS organisational systems (details of systems below).

14. Document management functionality & sharing across stakeholder group.

15. The solution must be the source of all communication and multi - faceted in respect of managing notifications, email, intelligent FAQ

system.

16. Functionality to sign up to terms & conditions to an identifiable category of students. This function will also need to support multiple

versions of the terms and conditions.

17. Push workload. For example re-assigning workload.

18. Solution must maximise use of technology to validate evidence.

19. Chatbot technology with AI.

20. Cloud based solution.

21. Compatible with Microsoft 365.

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:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the existing procurement route for the provision of this service has become unavailable at short notice. It is critical that the service is maintained to provide uninterrupted service.

The agreement to supply the current software package is therefore to be extended for 12 months.

This will allow further work to be carried out on the development of additional functional requirements to meet all

stakeholder requirements and adhere to Welsh Government guidance policies within the contract period.

A competitive tender exercise will be undertaken before the expiry of this agreement in March 2023 which will also reflect the development of the additional functional requirements required to be undertaken.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

AW049

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 September 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

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- UKN06 - Belfast

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: £57,250

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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