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## **Welsh Blood Service Cell Free DNA RHD Typing**

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

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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

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Rachel Evans

#### **Email**

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**Country**

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](https://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**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Welsh Blood Service Cell Free DNA RHD Typing

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Welsh Blood Service (WBS) (a division of Velindre University NHS Trust) and Public Health Wales (PHW) are looking to appoint a suitably qualified supplier to provide cell free DNA RHD typing kits.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £875,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 33194220 - Blood-transfusion supplies
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Welsh Blood Service (WBS) and Public Health Wales (PHW) are implementing an all Wales high-throughput RHD non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) service for foetal RHD typing. To fulfil this service requirement, we are asking the market for expressions of interest in the supply of a foetal RHD typing kit.

The proposed cell free DNA foetal RHD typing kit should have a high degree of sensitivity and specificity in addition to evidenced lot to lot equivalence and conformity. The Kit should only require a maximum of 2000µl of maternal plasma and must be validated for use on the Roche LightCycler 480 II or QuantStudio DX RT PCR platforms.

The Typing kit should be currently available on the market and must be CE marked. The kit manufacturer should have a commitment in place to apply for UKCA marking when required.

The contract duration will be for an initial period of three (3) years with the option to extend for up to 24 months maximum. The maximum duration being five (5) years in total.

We invite interested parties to express their interest in this procurement by emailing Rachel Evans at [rachel.evans41@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:rachel.evans41@wales.nhs.uk) by no later than 17:00hrs Friday 23rd December 2022. We aim to hold pre-tender engagement with interested parties by means of either face to face session or virtually using MS Teams in January 2023 to discuss requirements to help shape the specification further.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

To register your interest please email [rachel.evans41@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:rachel.evans41@wales.nhs.uk).

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

20 January 2023

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=127036](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=127036).

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