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Planning

Supervision of Forensic Psychologists in Training - Market Engagement Questionnaire

Ministry of Justice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice>

Buyer's address

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supervision of Forensic Psychologists in Training - Market Engagement Questionnaire

Reference number

prj_13455

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121270 - Psychiatrist or psychologist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following recent Market Engagement for wider Psychological Services requirements (Notice references: ntc_8923, ntc_8924), HMPPS are seeking to further engage with the market to consider procurement options for the Supervision requirement as a standalone contract(s).

This specific requirement is for the services of suitably qualified and experienced Registered Forensic Psychologists (with at least 2 years post qualification experience) to provide Supervision to Forensic Psychologists in Training. Services will be required on both a regular and ad-hoc basis to support work usually undertaken by HMPPS staff.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,836,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HM Prisons and Probation Service, as part of the justice system, plays a crucial role in society. HMPPS protects the public, maintains safe and secure prisons and reduces the risk that people will reoffend. We work together to help people to live law abiding and positive lives.

HMPPS delivers the government's vision and investment to make prisons places of safety and reform and to ensure probation services support the rehabilitation of offenders while protecting the public.

We provide safe and supportive environments, where people work through the reasons that caused them to offend and prepare for a more positive future.

The Psychology Services Group (PSG) provides evidence-based, psychological, and therapeutic services to support people in custody and on probation aimed at reducing their risk of harm and reoffending. It is one of the largest training organisations for Forensic Psychologists.

Staff provide a HMPPS-wide specialist service and defensible evidence to support decision-making and influence operational policy at a National, Regional, and local level.

Psychological services are largely broken down into assessment, intervention, training, research/projects, and consultancy advice and support.

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There are two aspects to supervision in the context of Forensic Psychologists in Training;

- Co-ordinating Supervisor / Clinical Supervisor (CS) - Guidance and Development of individual trainees throughout their qualification.
- Additional Supervisor/ Designated Supervisor – Supervision of Individual pieces of work or projects as required.

HMPPS require the ability to procure services to support the internal capacity to deliver. These will vary over time in volume and frequency. There are no guaranteed volumes for the services required. Initial indicative volumes are between 17-27 trainees over a proposed 4 year contract term.

Supervision of Forensic Psychologists in Training can be conducted remotely for the majority of the cases. There may be occasions where in-person supervision may be required.

All Supervision Services commissioned by HMPPS PSG must meet the required Quality Standards and registration requirements set by the process relevant to the type of Supervision or Qualification route (e.g. Qualification guidance, internal guidance documents). A key part of the service involves supervising psychological risk assessments to assist Parole Board decision making, so competency in this area will be required.

HMPPS are keen to hear from interested suppliers to understand their appetite, capability and capacity for this specific requirement, to support with development of a suitable commercial model for delivery of the service.

We encourage interested suppliers to take part in Market Engagement questionnaire, to support with our development of the procurement. The link for the Market Engagement Questionnaire can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KEeHxuZx_kGp4S6MNndq2MdiyDbtejpGr1hY5wvsheJUMzNFR0E3VkJVNjBSRkQ2M0VFMjNWTjVaTS4u

The deadline for completion of the Market Engagement Questionnaire is 23:59hrs on Thursday 21st November 2024.

II.2.14) Additional information

This Market Engagement exercise does not commit the Authority to a formal procurement and information provided in this Notice is subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

9 June 2025

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: No