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Award

Digital health Hub for Patients and Carers with Rare Diseases

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Procurement Services

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

http://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

Digital health Hub for Patients and Carers with Rare Diseases

Reference number

CAV-VEA (24-25) 106

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222200 - Information systems or technology planning services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, hosted by Velindre NHS Trust are acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) and NHS Executive who are seeking to establish a five year contract to develop a digital health hub for patients suffering from rare diseases, and their carers, who are registered in Wales. The digital health hub will be a regional approach for AB UHB, C&V UHB and CTM UHB.

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: £0.01

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222200 - Information systems or technology planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Care Circle will work with Cardiff and Vale UHB and the rare disease community to develop a digital hub which includes established patient groups, and health care professional teams. The hub will supply a safe and secure social platform that provides the capacity for discussion, dissemination of robust information and provision of peer support, signposting of people to this space and to CVUHB, capacity for members to track and record their symptoms and journal their health experience and use the symptom checker (including download of the symptom checker report).

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:

Cardiff and Vale UHB and its regional partners have a requirement to develop a digital health hub for patients suffering from rare diseases, and their carers, who are registered in Wales. The goal of the project is to support the four-nation approach to develop a Rare Disease Action Plan to improve the lives of those living with a rare disease and to provide the remote care component of this work, which has previously been considered vital but undeliverable. The digital hub will be co-created with the rare disease community, which includes established patient groups, and health care professional teams. This will improve communication, reduce feelings of isolation, improve co-ordination of care and patient empowerment, alongside social prescribing, data linkage, carer support. The development of patient registries and use of AI will transform the rate of research and therapy development in Rare Disease.

Due to limited funding within this area, C&V UHB and NHS Wales Executive have been working with Industry on potential solutions and as such, Care Circle have offered to develop the digital health hub free of charge on a five year contract.

Based on the above, the Authority is issuing this notice and applying a 10 day standstill period prior to awarding a five year contract.

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

CAV-VEA (24-25) 106

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 November 2024

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

CARECIRCLE TECHNOLOGY LTD

St George's Court, Winnington Avenue

Northwich

CW84EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

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: £1

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:145265)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.