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## **Autism Diagnostic Assessments for Children - Hywel DDa University Local Health Board**

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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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.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**

Autism Diagnostic Assessments for Children - Hywel DDa University Local Health Board

Reference number

P0297

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB) is looking to establish a single contract with Healios Ltd in line with a time-limited initiative by Welsh Government to help reduce waiting times to accessing a diagnostic assessment of autism for children and young people.

The service will provide key outcomes for the Health Board in terms of Improving Waiting Times for Children's Neurodevelopmental Service. Subsequently improving the health and wellbeing of Future Generations through earlier identification of neuro-divergence and subsequent support needs.

### **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: £312,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL14 - South West Wales

Main site or place of performance

Hywel Dda University Local Health Board

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

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The service will provide key outcomes for the Health Board in terms of Improving Waiting

Times for Children's Neurodevelopmental Service. Subsequently improving the health and wellbeing of Future Generations through earlier identification of neuro-divergence and subsequent support needs.

Assessing Autism requires a highly specialist skill set and delivery partners must adhere to applying the following key principles:

Risk assessment to include risk of harm to service user, or service user's risk to others

Risk management plan

Multidisciplinary team approach

Childhood development history

Clinical interview with informant

Clinical Interview with individual

Observation Assessment

Obtain School/College information

Use of a valid diagnostic tool(s) as specified in current NICE guidance

Diagnostic Threshold as set out in DSM5 or ICD-11

Comprehensive report detailing how diagnostic threshold has/or has not been met

Feedback of outcome to client.

In line with the funding requirement providers will need to:

Be able to provide services with immediate effect from December 2024 to March 31st 2025.

Service implementation meetings are expected to commence in December 2024

Must have extensive experience of diagnostic assessment in autism of children and young

Must have extensive experience of cross-sector working with HDUHB.

Must have a proven track record of successful partnership working outsourcing diagnostic

assessments for Health Boards

Must have developed stabilised professional relationships with schools, colleges and parent carers across Hywel Dda University Health Board footprint to facilitate prompt engagement and receipt of relevant information required

Must have knowledge of the relevant services and established links with locally commissioned services for children's neurodevelopmental (ASD) services.

The Delivery Partner must have knowledge and links to similar services the health provides (including contractual)

Have comprehensive knowledge of Welsh Government policy and legislation pertaining to neuro-divergence children and young people.

Conduct the bulk of the referral and processing services involving primary engagement with parent carers

Have established effective working relationships with Children's ND (ASD) Service, Mental health services, Local Authority and Primary Health partners across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

#### **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

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## 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:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) is looking to establish a single contract with Healios Ltd in line with a time-limited initiative by Welsh Government to help reduce waiting times to accessing a diagnostic assessment of autism for children and young people.

In 2023 Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) engaged in an open tender for the Autism Diagnostic Assessments contract which was awarded to Healios Ltd. Over the last year, Healios Ltd has primarily assessed children and young people, thus, have established effective working relationships with Children's ND (ASD) Service, Mental health services, Local Authority and Primary Health partners across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. HDUHB is looking to establish a single contract with Healios Ltd in line with a newly announced initiative by Welsh Government to help to reduce waiting times for diagnostic assessment of autism between December 2024 and March 2025. The funding requires a third sector provider to deliver the service, the provider must clearly evidence they meet all of the criteria outlined in the description and detrimentally be available for an immediate start. All aforementioned requirements have been demonstrated to HDUHB under the current contract by Healios Ltd on similar time scales to the Health Board.

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#### 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 V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

P0297

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 December 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**

Healios Limited

Unit 4, Tileyard Studios, Tileyard Road

London

N79AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £312,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This VEAT notice will end at midnight on 15th of December 2024

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=146559](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=146559).

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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