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Contract

## **The Connecting with People mental health training programmes**

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

F03: Contract award notice

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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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**NUTS code**

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

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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](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.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**

The Connecting with People mental health training programmes

Reference number

CAV-DCO (25-26) 052

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80521000 - Training programme services

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

Services

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

The Connecting with People mental health training programmes have been purposefully designed to provide a whole organisational approach to meet the training needs of a broad spectrum of sectors. This approach enables us to easily embed best practice and governance, with training designed for real impact and improvement of individual and organisational working practices around suicide prevention and mitigation. Their programmes reflect the latest evidence-based principles and best practice and have been extensively peer-reviewed by international experts in mental health, people with lived experience, practitioners and third sector (NGO) experts.

### **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: £19,140

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80521000 - Training programme services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Cardiff

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

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governance, with training designed for real impact and improvement of individual and organisational working practices around suicide prevention and mitigation. Their programmes reflect the latest evidence-based principles and best practice and have been extensively peer-reviewed by international experts in mental health, people with lived experience, practitioners and third sector (NGO) experts.

As part of our MHCB overarching improvement plan, we have been utilising the 4MentalHealth training programme for the past 2 years and have over 300 individuals trained in this methodology across all professions. We are now a licenced organisation and are therefore able to utilise our own staff as trainers. Following successful completion of an extensive pilot, we are now expanding our team of trainers from 6 to 10 utilising GBP-19140 from our HEIW MH workforce development fund allocation. This has been approved by HEIW and is being replicated in other UHB's.

If we were to utilise another provider, there would be huge negative consequences – financially, operationally and strategically. Prior to initiating this programme, a number of providers were evaluated however none had the scope or expertise to offer training at such a high standard as 4Mental Health.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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:

We are awarding the contract through Direct Award 2 via the Provider Selection Regime, on the grounds that using the existing supplier ensures continuity, avoids disruption, and represents best value.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

CAV-DCO (25-26) 052

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 September 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Ashdown House Riverside Business Park, Benarth Road

Conwy

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+44 2036379191

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £19,140

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,140

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:155153)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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