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Contract

## **PHW-DCO-56194 Self Sampling STI Testing**

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)

Alder House, Alder Court, St Asaph Business Park

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**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.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**

PHW-DCO-56194 Self Sampling STI Testing

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

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

Services

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

Please Note: This is NOT a new award, simply notifying the market of a modification to a contract awarded under PCR 2015

Since May 2020, the online service for self-sampling for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Wales has been outsourced to an external provider, HSL Pathology (HSL). The award to HSL was undertaken due to a lack of capacity across PHW Infection services due to Covid-19. Appointment of HSL was undertaken with support from NWSSP.

Kits are ordered by patients via an online platform, and their sample is returned directly to the HSL Lab where for testing, with results reported directly to the user. HSL Pathology then invoices PHW monthly linked to the number of tests issued and returned for testing.

In November 2024, PHW agreed a 12-month contract (with an option for a further 6-month extension if required) via the Health Trust Europe Framework for the Supply of Diagnostic Service Solutions whilst a competitive tender exercise was undertaken.

This notice is to notify the market that Public Health Wales have exercised the included 6 month extension and that this contract will now expire 30th April 2026

#### **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: £4,021,869.89

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a new award, simply notification that Public Health Wales have exercised the included 6 month extension to a contract awarded under PCR 2015 as required.

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### **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

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

This is NOT a new award: Simply notification of a modification under the PSR Wales regulations

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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:

This is NOT a new award simply notification that Public Health Wales have taken up the agreed 6 month extension option provided for in the original award which was made under PCR 2015 as a call off via Framework (Health Trust Europe: Supply of Diagnostic Service Solutions)

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 November 2024

#### **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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

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

Health Services Laboratories

The Halo Building, 1 Mabledon Place

London

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Telephone

+44 7703609191

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)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,021,869.89

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom