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Tender

Provision of an Internal Audit Service

Social Care Wales

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Scope

Description

Social Care Wales is inviting tenders from experienced internal audit providers to deliver high-quality, independent assurance and advisory services.

As part of our governance arrangements and Board Assurance Framework, internal audit plays a vital role in evaluating the effectiveness of our financial and operational controls, risk management, and compliance. We operate within a robust governance model aligned with the three lines of defence, and our internal audit function is essential to supporting the Accounting Officer in fulfilling their responsibilities, including the preparation of the annual Governance Statement.

The successful supplier will be expected to demonstrate full compliance with the latest professional standards, including the Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS), the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF), and the IIA's Code of Ethics. We require a service that is not only technically proficient but also collaborative, with strong communication and reporting practices. The internal audit programme will cover a wide range of organisational activities, from governance and financial controls to workforce regulation and environmental responsibilities, ensuring comprehensive coverage and strategic insight.

We are committed to continuous improvement and value for money and expect our

internal audit partner to support us in achieving these goals. This includes delivering a risk-based audit plan, maintaining a robust Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme (QAIP), and providing timely, actionable reports. Suppliers must also be able to operate effectively in a hybrid working environment and support our bilingual ethos in line with Welsh Language Standards. Through this pre-engagement session, we aim to foster a shared understanding of expectations and encourage innovative approaches to delivering assurance that aligns with our strategic priorities.

Total value (estimated)

- £125,000 excluding VAT
- £150,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract will initially run from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 with a possibility of being extended for up to a further 24 months, up to a total period of 60 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales
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Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

See WPSQ / ITT

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 December 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

22 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions<https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/>**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

Welsh

Award decision date (estimated)

9 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Ability	See ITT / Appendix 2 for breakdown of quality questions	Quality	70.00%
cost	See ITT / Appendix 3 for costing requirements	Cost	20.00%
Social Value Contribution	See ITT / Appendix 2 for social value question breakdown.	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Invoices should be submitted to finance@socialcare.wales

Description of risks to contract performance

Please see specification for KPIs

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=352989

Invitation to Tender and Specification

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=352990

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Appendix 1 – The Wales Procurement Specific Questionnaire (WPSQ)

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Appendix 2 – Technical / Quality Response Document

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Appendix 3 – Financial / Pricing Response Document

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Appendix 4 – Social Care Wales’ tone of voice guidelines

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Appendix 5 – Social Care Wales’ branding guidelines

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Appendix 6 – Form of Tender

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Atodiad 1 – Holiadur Penodol i Gaffael Cymru (WPSQ)

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Atodiad 2 – Dogfen Ymateb Technegol / Ansawdd

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Atodiad 3 – Dogfen Ymateb Ariannol / Priso

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Atodiad 4 – Canllawiau tôn llais Gofal Cymdeithasol

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Atodiad 5 – Canllawiau brandio Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru

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Atodiad 6 – Ffurflen y Tendr

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Social Care Wales - Terms and Conditions

Contracting authority

Social Care Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTTZ-7468-NYRQ

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United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.socialcare.wales/>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales