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Planning

Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) services

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

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Scope

Reference

COMM-FTS-60883

Description

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership is undertaking this preliminary market engagement exercise to seek feedback from suppliers to support the future procurement of the Provision of an Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA).

The IMCA service role is to make representations of that person's wishes, feelings, beliefs, and values, whilst bringing to the attention of the decision-maker all factors that are relevant to the decision. This will include supporting the person who lacks capacity; obtaining and evaluating information; as far as possible ascertaining the person's wishes and feelings, beliefs, and values; obtaining a further medical opinion, if necessary and ascertaining alternative courses of action.

The service covers decisions and actions taken on behalf of adults, aged 16 years and

over, who lack capacity to make the decision in question and is supported by Welsh Regulations and two statutory Codes of Practice.

the following roles are anticipated to be within scope:

IMCA

Paid RPR

Litigation Friend

The contract is expected to support Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, Hywel Dda University Health Board, Swansea Bay University Health Board and Powys University Health Board working closely in close collaboration with all Local Authorities across Wales.

Total value (estimated)

- £1 excluding VAT
- £1 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 December 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Engagement

Engagement deadline

22 January 2026

Engagement process description

NWSSP is seeking feedback from suppliers, contractors and other interested parties to help the noted Health Boards to increase its market understanding, inform the development of the specification and support governance processes.

This preliminary market engagement exercise is open to all interested parties.

To participate in the preliminary market engagement exercise, please contact the names detailed below who will be able to provide you with the Preliminary Market Engagement Document.

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Once you have read through the document and supporting appendices, please complete the Preliminary Market Engagement Questionnaire.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales