

**United Kingdom-Belfast: Research consultancy services**

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**Contract notice****Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Department of Health

Postal address: Castle Buildings

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: BT4 3SG

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [patrice.gilpin@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:patrice.gilpin@finance-ni.gov.uk)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>Address of the buyer profile: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement****II.1.1. Title**

DoH require a consultant to carry out research in respect of residents aged 18 or over in Mother and baby Homes Magdalene Laundries of the C20th outwith the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry.

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

73210000 Research consultancy services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

DoH Family and Children's Policy Directorate Appointment of external consultants to carry out the research required in respect of residents aged 18 or over in Mother and baby Homes Magdalene Laundries of the C20th outwith the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry. The research is required to enable an interdepartmental group, using the findings to determine and make recommendations on the way forward to the Executive on the nature of any potential review or inquiry.

**II.1.5. Estimated total value**

**II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.2. Description**

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

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 79315000 Social research services, 73110000 Research services

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6. Estimated value**

**II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**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**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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**III.1. Conditions for participation**

### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

#### **IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **IV.2. Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 28/09/2017 Local time: 15:00

#### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 27/12/2017

#### **IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 28/09/2017 Local time: 15:30

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition;. (III)

to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and (IV). to award contract(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

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

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

Official name: The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

Town: N/A

Country: United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

Town: N/A

Country: United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

#### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

24/08/2017