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FRAMEWORK TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CARE WORKER SERVICES FOR THE SERVICES GOZO DIRECTORATE, WITHIN THE MINISTRY FOR GOZO

Clarification No. 2

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Question 1: Tender calls for the “provision of Care Workers for the Services Gozo Directorate, within the Ministry for Gozo”, specifically “to compliment the existing nursing staff in all entities falling under the responsibility of the Ministry for Gozo.”

This notwithstanding, tender seems to require care workers to perform certain functions which go beyond care work and which can only be carried out by registered nurses such as “ensure that daily medication is properly secured and stored and given to individual service users as per prescription”, “record on medical sheet the medication consumed by service users as per prescription and according to the centre policies and procedures” etc.

Likewise, tender requires bidders to provide care workers with “training in having a sound knowledge of how medications must be stored and provided to users as per prescriptions” and “adequate training in ensuring that carers shall be in a position to record on medical sheets the medication consumed by services users as per prescription and according to the centre policies and procedures”.

Can the contracting authority please clarify and confirm that care workers will not be required to perform any activities which in terms of applicable law, regulations and established practice need to be carried out by nurses and that such activities will be carried out by “the existing nursing staff” at the centres? Similarly, can the contracting authority please clarify and confirm that the training mentioned above, in so far as it relates to activities which cannot be carried out by care workers, need not be provided.

Answer 1: Care workers will be required to provide the services in line to the requirements specified in the tender dossier, and which duties in terms of applicable law, regulations and established practice are carried out by care workers.



Question 2: Can the contracting authority please clarify whether the Key Expert and the Supervisor can be the same person?

Answer 2: Yes, as long as the duties, terms and conditions specified in contract are fully adhered to.

Question 3: Tender calls for the “provision of Care Workers for the Services Gozo Directorate, within the Ministry for Gozo”. Yet insurance policy extensions need to provide “Indemnity to Principals where the latter are defined to being CPSU and/or the Ministry for Health and/or the Government of Malta.”

Can Contracting Authority please clarify whether the indemnity is to cover CPSU and/or Ministry for Health or the Ministry for Gozo?

Answer 3: Indemnity is to cover the Ministry for Gozo

Question 4: Clause 30.1 of Special Conditions states that “tender prices in respect of hourly rates, will be revised in line with any increases determined by Government in respect of its policies. Such revision of prices shall be applicable between the closing date of the call for tenders and the conclusion of the contract (as applicable)”.

Can the Contracting Authority please clarify and confirm that such revision will be applicable also throughout the validity of the contract and not just up to moment of its signing?

Answer 4: As per tender condition, revision of prices shall be applicable between the closing date of the call for tenders and the conclusion of the contract, i.e., completion [and/or termination, if applicable] of the contract.

All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.