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BLENDED LEARNING DENTAL HYGIENIST DEGREE PROGRAMME

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042eef

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

1st Floor, Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Contact

Re'hilah Hamid and Commercial Team

Email

rehilah.hamid@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

BLENDED LEARNING DENTAL HYGIENIST DEGREE PROGRAMME

Reference number

C226387

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80561000 - Health training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSE's overall aim is to promote high quality health and care for all, and support NHS organisations to work in partnership to deliver better outcomes for patients and communities, at the best possible value for taxpayers and to continuously improve the NHS. By doing this NHSE will improve the health of the population, improve the quality of care, tackle inequalities and deliver care more efficiently.

Working collaboratively with its partners NHSE strives to use different and innovative ways of educating the health workforce including the use of technology with opportunities to widen access and participation and attract a diverse group of our population with the aptitude, behaviours and values that are required for health careers.

There are significant staff shortages in many parts of our NHS workforce, with the need in dentistry expertise, one of the biggest challenges that currently needs to be addressed.

NHSE has a role in contributing to the growth of the dental workforce in meeting the Long-term Workforce Plan's pledge of a 15% increase in dental hygienists and therapists as opposed to the current 5%.

NHSE will promote alternative routes into the dental profession by:

- developing a clear model that sets out the different entry routes into dental hygienist training highlighting the different approaches and benefits, to inform employer and entrant decisions.
- Support the development and delivery of a blended learning dental hygienist degree

programme that maximises the benefits of innovative technologies and digital opportunities to provide a fully interactive and innovative programme.

For this tender specification, blended learning is defined as ‘a method of teaching that integrates technology and digital media with traditional instructor-led classroom activities giving students more flexibility to customise their learning experiences’ (Panopto 2019).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £350,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Across England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The commercial instructions incorporate procurement ‘best practice’ regarding the way NHSE will manage its activities, business relationships with suppliers, and our corporate social responsibilities together with the engagement, utilisation, and authority of the key stakeholders at all stages in the procurement cycle.

Adhering and complying with the Instructions will:

- Ensure that procurement processes and activities are fair, inclusive and promote equality of access and meet local and national guidance.
- Ensure that services can meet diverse needs and that an understanding of equality and diversity issues is integrated into the selection processes.
- Support NHSE staff in identification of future trends in expenditure and relevant markets and providers.
- Ensure the consistent, transparent, and robust application of Section 10. Tender and

Contracting Procedure of NHSE's Standing Financial Instructions (SFI's) and Scheme of Delegation to Standing Financial Instructions.

- Ensure that any government policy directions are adhered to i.e., Cabinet Office, His Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

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

Value excluding VAT: £350,000

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

Duration in months

36

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Refer to tender specification

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Refer to tender specification

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Refer to tender specification

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Refer to tender specification

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Refer to tender specification

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

16 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

Breton

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS England

1st Floor, Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>