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## **W002181 Independent Prescribing for Optometrists – Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics (Part-Time Course)**

NHS Education for Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046e47

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Education for Scotland

Westport 102

Glasgow

G72 7PW

#### **Email**

[tenders@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:tenders@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002)

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

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

W002181 Independent Prescribing for Optometrists – Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics (Part-Time Course)

Reference number

W002181

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 800000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Independent Prescribing for Optometrists – Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics (Part-Time Course)

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £97,500

**II.2) Description**

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Independent Prescribing for Optometrists – Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics (Part-Time Course)

**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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Glasgow Caledonian University is the only accredited training provider for this course in Scotland. Within Scotland, Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) is the only education provider currently offering the Independent Prescribing Qualification. The qualification offered at GCU offers a blended learning approach and at least one live learning day per module (3 modules in total). Out with Scotland there are other education providers who can offer this course however attending these institutes would require excessive travel and additional expense. Other UK providers offer the qualification, however only via distance learning only package

In order to become an accredited training provider, Universities must now apply and meet the rigorous assessment of the General Optical Council or have a valid qualification previously approved by the College of Optometrists. GCU have a valid qualification from the College of Optometrists. Both HEIs in Scotland are prioritising their undergraduate educational reform to include the Independent Prescribing qualification over development of new postgraduate programmes. 1st intake of undergraduates for GCU will be in September 2024, UHI is proposed for September 2025. GCU are currently working on their new postgraduate Independent Prescribing qualification application to the GOC.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

W002181

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

7 June 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Glasgow Caledonian University

Cowcaddens Road

Glasgow

G4 0BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £97,500

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £97,500

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

It should be noted that this VEAT notice is intended to inform the market of the intention to award a contract under Regulation 33.4.b(ii) and whilst the system requires an award date prior to the notice publication for the avoidance of doubt it should be noted that the contract has not been entered into prior to the publication of this notice.

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom