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## **HEE Centre for Advancing Practice ePortfolio Route - Pharmacists**

Health Education England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-018248

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-034df0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Health Education England

1st Floor, Blenheim House, Duncombe Street

Leeds

LS1 4PL

#### **Email**

[leila.hodson@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:leila.hodson@hee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

HEE Centre for Advancing Practice ePortfolio Route - Pharmacists

Reference number

C83797

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Health Education England are putting out this notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award to The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS).

The case for direct award can be found on the tender portal.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £820,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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HEE is looking to Contract with The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) delivery of the Health Education England (HEE) Centre for Advancing Practice ePortfolio (Supported) Route for pharmacists.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is the leading professional body representing the pharmacy workforce, with a role to promote and develop the profession.

HEE previously issued a tender to procure suppliers to deliver the Centre for Advancing Practice's ('the Centre') ePortfolio (Supported) Route. It has now considered how it might work with professional bodies with current and demonstrable expertise of individual advanced level educational equivalence in alignment with the requirements set out in the HEE Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice ('the Framework'). These professional bodies have existing infrastructure including standards, portfolios, assessment procedures and IT, which might be effectively utilised to grow the number of individuals practising at advanced level recognised by the Centre.

The RPS has existing expertise and infrastructure which could be utilised as described above to assess the educational equivalence of pharmacists against the Framework. The RPS has therefore been identified as the organisation HEE considers capable of providing the support and capacity required to meet its specific needs related to growing at scale the number of pharmacists recognised by the Centre. This is, however, not intended to be an exclusive arrangement and other appropriate suppliers delivering the ePortfolio (Supported) route may be involved in assessing pharmacists against the Framework.

For the Specification, Contract and the Case for Direct Award please access the portal at:

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?SearchType=Projects>

All communications should be made via the messaging function on the Health Family eTendering portal.

If any provider has concerns with the commissioning intentions outlined within the published documentation, please raise this via the eTendering Portal in the first instance within 30 days of the date of this Prior Information Notice.

The financial envelope for this PIN is £820,000

The closing date of this PIN is midday on 4th August 2022

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

5 July 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes