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## **Learning Disability Nursing Enhanced Professional-Market Engagement(NHS England)**

NHS England

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

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

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#### **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**

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**

Learning Disability Nursing Enhanced Professional-Market Engagement(NHS England)

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

NHS England (NHSE - the Authority) will be commencing a Market Engagement for a nationally consistent programme to support the development and retention of Learning Disability Nurses.

#### **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**

NHS England (formerly Health Education England (HEE - the Commissioner)) will be commencing a Market Engagement Event for the delivery of the following offers:

1. Core module (offered at level 6) which will act as a refresh of core learning disability knowledge, skills, and core values.
2. Enhanced module (offered at level 6) to the higher level of complexity of clinical skill set needed to achieve, rather than a higher level of academic skills. It will enable learning disability nurses to increase their knowledge and skill set in specialist areas of learning disability care.

The achievement of both Core module and Enhanced module will together lead to the awarding of a Postgraduate Certificate level award, (at level 6) which will be titled as the 'Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) award 001'.

This will be in the form of a CPD for learning disability nurses, enabling nurses at all levels of practice to develop their knowledge and capabilities in caring for people with a learning disability.

These offers will provide a nationally standardised and recognised education programme that will set the expectations for effective and safe practice. As part of the All England plan for Learning Disability nursing which was launched in 2020 by CNO Ruth May, a plan which was initiated in order to provide a structure to ensure the development and expansion of the learning disability nursing workforce.

This plan has four themes:

- Attract
- Retain
- Develop
- Celebrate

For more information about the plan and work already completed as part of the plan can be found on the learning disability nursing website Learning Disability Nurses' Forum ([squarespace.com](https://www.squarespace.com))

In accordance with the Care Act 2014, NHS England (formerly Health Education England (HEE - the Commissioner)) the leadership of all healthcare education and training for those employed by the NHS and for those seeking NHS employment. We also has statutory obligations for the quality of the services which it funds and for the safety and protection of students and patients.

In line with this mandate and as part of the development of the All England plan, listening exercises were undertaken with learning disability nurses, to ascertain the core areas of developmental need required by the profession. A key finding was the need for the development and implementation of a nationally standardised CPD offer for learning disability nurses, which would not only serve to provide a refresh of core learning disability nurse skills and knowledge, but which would also provide additional skills and knowledge development offer covering three specialist areas of learning disability nursing.

Whilst this initial offer has partially been completed with the development of an online product, a link to which is below, we are now seeking partners to work with us to build on this initial product to meet the CPD requirements of the learning disability nurse profession.

<https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/learning-disability-nursing-cpd-award/>

The Market Engagement Event will have representations from NHSE commissioning and procurement teams, and Subject Matter Experts from the nursing learning disability programme. To provide support to regional and national providers in meeting this expectation, we would like to update the market on the following:

1. The work conducted to date understand and meet the CPD needs of the learning disability nurse profession, focusing on the expected procurement activities for 2023/24.
2. The purpose and implementation of the All England plan for Learning Disability nursing
3. An overview of the Postgraduate Certificate (CNO award)

It is our intention to hold a market engagement event on Friday 3 November at 11:00 until 12:30pm to discuss our plans and consult with parties interested in potentially bidding for the delivery of these programmes. The event will provide an opportunity for potential providers to find out more about projected timelines, the process that we anticipate following, general discussion and an opportunity to network. The event will be conducted in the form of an online presentation and discussion, organised through MS Teams.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 1 November 12pm with the following details to [england.commissioning@nhs.net](mailto:england.commissioning@nhs.net).

- Name
- Your title
- Email address
- Details for attendees (a maximum of two attendees per organisation)

An invite to the MS Teams session will be sent prior to the event and an agenda.

NHSE will use the opportunity to gather intelligence and may influence and inform the development of the final tender.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to proceed with the Procurement, or any part thereof, or change the requirements as necessary at any time.

If the Authority decides to proceed with the opportunity, the procurement will be conducted under PCR 2015 (Public Contracts Regulations 2015), where a separate advert will be released advertising the opportunity.

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

18 October 2023

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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