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Tender

## **Virtual Learning Programme (VLP) for Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) - NHSE**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040f67

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

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

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Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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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**

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

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**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**

Virtual Learning Programme (VLP) for Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) - NHSE

Reference number

C220103

### **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) are commencing a tender for the Provision of Virtual Learning Programme (VLP) for Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

NHSE is seeking to commission up to two (2) providers to deliver an innovative and flexible VLP to support returners to meet the minimum requirements of the HCPC RTP standards.

The Programme is aimed at RTP applicants who can demonstrate that they satisfy the following:

- All former HCPC registrants who live in England and plan to return to work in England once returned to the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) register.
- Those who have gained a UK HCPC approved programme more than 5 years ago and have never been registered and never practised.
- Registrants who remained on the HCPC register for more than two years but have not practised and consider themselves to be out of practice

A range of targeted interventions/support packages specifically designed to motivate, support, and build the confidence of the returner as they return to practice and proactively encourage them to develop their own lifelong learning. And support this through innovative use of different learning methods and techniques including simulated 'clinical' experience via virtual/remote learning environments or equivalent to optimise the learning experience.

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

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

### **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**

department is looking for potential suppliers to fulfil the contract.

Contract summary

Industry

Education and training services - 80000000

Location of contract

LS1 4PL

Value of contract

£0 to £800,000

Procurement reference

CF-1968900D0O000000rwimUAA

Published date

26 October 2023

Closing date

24 November 2023

Closing time

12pm

Contract start date

8 January 2024

Contract end date

7 January 2028

Contract type

Service contract

Procedure type

Open procedure (above threshold)

What is an open procedure (above threshold)?

Contract is suitable for SMEs?

No

Contract is suitable for VCSEs?

No

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The maximum financial envelope for this procurement exercise is £800,000 (£100,000 ex vat per year per provider) exclusive of Vat. The contract period will be for four (4) years, with no option to extend.

The deadline for submission of completed ITT submissions is 24th November 2023 at 12:00pm (midday).

Late submissions will not be accepted therefore, please submit in good time prior to the deadline date and time. All communications should be made via the messaging function on the e-Tendering portal during the tender exercise.

The Contracting Authority requests that all communications are channelled through the e-portal system and not with the Contracting Authority itself other than as expressly permitted within this ITT.

#### **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: £800,000

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

Start date

8 January 2024

End date

7 January 2028

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

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

24 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 October 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court

Strand,

London,

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

NHS England

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**

NHS England

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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