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Award

Post Registration Clinical Management Education

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Health Board is committed to supporting the development of a highly skilled workforce capable of delivering safe, effective, and advanced patient care. As part of this commitment, the Health Board is seeking to secure high-quality post-registration academic education that aligns with clinical service needs and supports staff progression into enhanced, advanced practice and consultant level practice.

The programme includes tailored clinical assessment modules such as generic, paediatric-specific, advanced assessment, and minor illness and incorporates non-medical prescribing. Learners on the Advanced Clinical

Practitioner (ACP) route can complete a 60-credit advanced practice portfolio as a dissertation, aligning academic learning with clinical competencies. For those pursuing alternative professional pathways, a work-based project dissertation provides a relevant

and practical alternative, broadening the programme's applicability across the wider workforce.

Contract 1. Postgraduate Clinical Management Education Courses

Supplier

- Cardiff University

Contract value

- £180,000 excluding VAT
- £216,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 October 2025 to 5 October 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

Contract locations

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Future funding continuity for postgraduate education remains uncertain beyond this proposed contract and is subject to national workforce planning and budget allocation cycles. The evolving nature of clinical roles, regulatory

requirements, and professional accreditation standards may also influence programme content and participation over time.

Unexpected developments such as shifts in national education policy, changes in Higher Education delivery models, or broader system pressures (e.g. staffing crises, public health emergencies) could impact programme

accessibility or relevance in ways not currently anticipated.

There is a well-established need for advanced clinical education to meet service demands, retain skilled staff, and support leadership development. The current cohort of learners requires uninterrupted access to Cardiff University programmes to complete

qualifications already underway.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The proposed contract with Cardiff University will be awarded via direct award under the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023, Schedule 5, Section 7 (a)(b) - Additional or Repeat Goods, Services or Works.

A change of provider at this stage would disrupt clinical workforce development plans and create significant operational challenges. Many learners are mid-way through Cardiff University's MSc programmes or have accumulated credits through standalone modules that are uniquely structured in 30-credit blocks, making the university the only institution locally able to integrate those credits into a full MSc. Transferring to another provider would risk the loss of those credits, duplicate learning, delay qualification timelines, and introduce unnecessary additional costs.

Supplier

Cardiff University

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales