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Award

OPTOMETRY EDUCATION FRAMEWORK

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)

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Scope

Reference

HEIW-FTS-117084

Description

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) is establishing a Non-Committal Framework Agreement for the provision of optometry education and training services across Wales. The Framework will support the delivery of high-quality, flexible postgraduate education programmes at Levels 7 and 8, including modules, Postgraduate Certificates (PGCert), Diplomas (PGDip), and Masters (MSc) qualifications. The Framework Agreement will run for four years (01 January 2026 – 31 December 2029) with an option to extend for up to a further four years (in two 24-month increments). No guaranteed level of spend or volume of work is committed to any supplier. The total potential framework value across all suppliers and all lots is £1,640,000 (ex VAT) over 8 years.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot 1A. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

Description

Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery.

Modules, PGcert, Diploma and MSc at educational level 7/ 8 covering (but not an exhaustive list):

Professional Certificate in Low Vision (Prof Cert LV)

Professional Certificate in Medical Retina (Prof Cert Med Ret)

Professional Certificate in Glaucoma (Prof Cert Glauc)

Professional Certificate in Contact Lens Practice (Prof Cert CL)

Professional Certificate in Paediatric Eye Care (Prof Cert Paed Eye Care)

Professional Higher Certificate in Glaucoma (Higher Cert Glauc)

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Professional Higher Certificate in Paediatric Eye Care (Higher Cert Paed)

Diploma in Glaucoma (Dip Glauc)

Independent Prescribing Course for Optometrists

Laser Course for Ophthalmic Professionals

Please check the Invitation to Tender and specification for more details.

Lot 1B. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery.

Description

Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery.

Modules, PGcert, Diploma and MSc at educational level 7/8 covering (but not an exhaustive list):

Professional Certificate in Low Vision (Prof Cert LV)

Professional Certificate in Medical Retina (Prof Cert Med Ret)

Professional Certificate in Glaucoma (Prof Cert Glauc)

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Lot 1D. Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier.

Description

Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier.

Modules, PGcert, Diploma and MSc at educational level 7/8 covering (but not an exhaustive list):

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Contract 1. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

Lots

Lot 1A. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

Suppliers (3)

- Cardiff University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- University of Plymouth

Contract value

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

7 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

13 November 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029
- Possible extension to 31 December 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales
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Contract 2. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery

Lots

Lot 1B. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery.

Suppliers (2)

- Cardiff University
- University of Plymouth

Contract value

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales
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Contract 3. Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier

Lots

Lot 1D. Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier.

Supplier

- Cardiff University

Contract value

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

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Contract locations

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Information about tenders

Lot 1A. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 3 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 1B. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery.

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 1D. Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier.

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lots that will not be awarded

Lot 1C. Lot 1c. Level 7/8 courses that commence not in line with the academic year.

Description

Lot 1c. Level 7/8 courses that commence not in line with the academic year.

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CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Date of decision not to award

7 November 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

Cardiff University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVT-4343-HWYR

Main Building, Park Place, Cardiff

Cardiff

CF10 3AT

United Kingdom

Email: stephensoncj1@cardiff.ac.uk

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

Contract 2. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery

Contract 3. Lot 1d. Level 7/8 courses where a placement can or is be provided by the supplier

Glasgow Caledonian University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZJZ-8621-RXZN

70 Cowcaddens Road

Glasgow

G4 0BA

United Kingdom

Email: maria.renwick@gcu.ac.uk

Region: UKM82 - Glasgow City

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

University of Plymouth

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQHL-4825-PGGL

8 Portland Villas, University of Plymouth, Drake Circus

Plymouth

PL4 8AA

United Kingdom

Email: sally.abey@plymouth.ac.uk

Region: UKK41 - Plymouth

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1a. Level 7/8 courses with a hybrid course delivery

Contract 2. Lot 1b. Level 7/8 courses with a fully remote course delivery

Contracting authority

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRNH-7564-JLCQ

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Region: UKL15 - Central Valleys

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

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

Summary of their role in this procurement: Complete Procurement Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXWV-6492-CGMN

4-5 Charnwood Court

Cardiff

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United Kingdom

Email: sairam.kunuri@wales.nhs.uk

Region: UKL15 - Central Valleys

Contact organisation

Contact Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) for any enquiries.