

**United Kingdom-London: Education and training services**

**OJ S 107/2018 07/06/2018**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council

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Town: London

NUTS code: UKI London

Postal code: W1B 1PZ

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Main address: [www.nmc.org](http://www.nmc.org)

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Other type: UK Healthcare Regulator

**I.5. Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Provision of Education Quality Assurance and Related Services

Reference number: EDU-00000014

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

80000000 Education and training services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

As the introduction of new standards and regulation of a new role represents significant change for the sector, all programme approvals against the new standards during this period

will include a documentary review and a visit. The data and intelligence collected and considered by reviewers will be used to inform our decision on whether to give approval, and will also create a baseline to inform future quality assurance activity. As this will represent a large amount of programme approval activity, planning and communication with key stakeholders will be key to the success of future service delivery.

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

Value excluding VAT: 6 600 000,00 GBP

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

80000000 Education and training services, 85100000 Health services, 98390000 Other services, 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance:

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

Following a major review of our standards, we have recently published new proficiencies that nurses and nurse and midwife prescribers will need in the future, and requirements for education providers. We have also published new standards for assessment and supervision. These will be used as the basis for our quality assurance activity. A holistic review of all other standards related to midwifery education is underway, and we have commissioned an independent evaluation of our remaining post-registration standards. In January 2017, we also agreed to be the regulator for the new nursing associate role. Once we become the regulator for the role, we will also quality assure the education of nursing associates. The standards of proficiency and programme standards for nursing associate education are due for publication in September 2018. While quality assurance of the nursing associate role will only apply in England, all other aspects must address the variations involved in working across the four countries of the UK. As the introduction of new standards and regulation of a new role represents significant change for the sector, all programme approvals against the new standards during this period will include a documentary review and a visit. The data and intelligence collected and considered by visitors will be used to inform our decision on whether to give approval, and will also create a baseline to inform future quality assurance activity. As this will represent a large amount of activity, with a spike in programme approval activity volume in the first year then diminishing over the remaining contract years as the new model of quality assurance is introduced in full, planning and communication with key stakeholders will be key to the success of future service delivery. In order to be assured that education institutions are meeting our standards, we have developed criteria based on the final version of the standards and key lines of enquiry to guide the work of visitors. The criteria include details of the evidence that an institution can provide to demonstrate that they meet the education framework and programme standards that enable students to meet the relevant standards of proficiency. The standards set out what all Approved Education Institutions (AEIs), practice placement and work placed learning providers must do in order to manage and deliver all NMC approved education programmes. Areas of key lines of enquiry and criteria will include admissions, curricula, methods of student assessment and support for students in practice. In line with taking a proportionate approach we will also draw on the

findings of other bodies such as the Office for Students to provide assurance. As part of programme approval we will consider whether the institution is “properly organised and equipped for conducting the whole or part of an approved course of education or training”. In order to provide additional information to consider we are also considering and developing aspects of the new model for quality assurance that incorporate thematic reviews, enhanced scrutiny of new institutions, and the later potential for a student survey.

#### **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: 6 600 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

On-going requirement on behalf of the NMC.

#### **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

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

Initial contract is for 36 months with an option to extend up to a further 24 month possible extension in 2 annual increments of 12 months (subject to excellent performance at the end of the initial terms). Please respond to this procurement by registering your interest via the NMC e-Sourcing portal (“e-Sourcing Portal”): <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

##### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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

**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

**IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system****IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

**IV.2. Administrative information****IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 025-053659](#)

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

Date: 15/06/2018 Local time: 17:00

**IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 01/08/2018

**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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:  
2024.

**VI.3. Additional information****VI.4. Procedures for review****VI.4.1. Review body**

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**VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

05/06/2018