**Multi-professional Prescribing**

**Request for Information (RFI) from NHS England**

**Your views may help shape new services**

The Commissioner will value your views and asks a number of set questions below. We expect you will find some questions more relevant to you and easier to respond to than others at this moment, however, please try to respond to as many as you can. Your views are valuable whether or not you have come across all of the aspects covered.

**Why complete this form?**

One or more further tender advertisement(s) will be issued at the appropriate time as/if required. Your responses at this point will not have a bearing on any future tender bids you may wish to submit. You will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to respond to this Request for Information (RFI) but it will be helpful to understand your views at this early stage, so you are encouraged to respond as fully as you can.

1. **Please return the questionnaire as fully as you can by sending as an attachment via the messaging system within the e-tendering portal.**
2. **Please return the form to us by:**

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| **14/08/2023 – 12PM (Mid-day)** |

Please read the text below before attempting to answer any of the questions.The details contained in Appendix A are subject to change and are included here only as a guide. It does not constitute a formal commitment to commission this service.

If you would like to ask further information with respect to any aspects of the requirements, please send a message via the e-portal system.

All responses will remain confidential and will not be used within any potential future procurement process. This process does **not** constitute the start of a procurement process.

Please provide your name and contact details in the table below:

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| **Organisation name**  | **Your name**  | **Telephone**  | **Email**  |
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| **Date completed:**  |
| **1. Background** |
| To be a prescriber means to have the legal authority to issue prescriptions. Multi-professional prescribing has had a positive impact on patient care and economic outcomes, and as such, has become a critical component of the government's strategy to address the healthcare needs of the ageing population with multiple comorbidities. A range of healthcare professions can become multi-professional independent and supplementary prescribers. These currently include:* Registered Nurses
* Midwives
* Pharmacists
* Physiotherapists
* Podiatrist
* Paramedics
* Optometrists
* Therapeutic Radiographers
* Diagnostic Radiographers
* Dietitians

Independent prescribers are practitioners who are responsible and accountable for the assessment of patients with previously undiagnosed or diagnosed conditions. They are responsible for making decisions about clinical management requirements.Supplementary prescribing is a voluntary partnership between an independent prescriber (a doctor or a dentist) and a supplementary prescriber to agree and implement a Clinical Management Plan (CMP) for an individual with their agreement.In order to become a multi-professional prescriber individuals will need to have taken an approved education programmes Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber (V100 and V150) or Independent/supplementary Prescriber (V300). This will enable them to prescribe within their scope of practice. Investing in multi-professional prescribing programmes has been identified as a cost-effective measure to meet increasing health care and medicine demands. It is considered as a priority for upskilling healthcare professionals, and a crucial enabler in the development and implementation of new care models, as well as the transformation of care delivery. These programmes offer significant career advancement opportunities for practitioners, empowering them with greater responsibility in managing patient care and enhance patient care by providing timely access to medication; enabling patients to make informed choices, reducing waiting times, hospital admissions, and optimising the skills of the entire healthcare team. |

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| **2. Key information related to the RFI** |
| * NHSE is issuing a **Request for Information (RFI)** to capture the views of HEIs who are currently delivering non-medical prescribing (multi-professional) Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (V300) programme.
* The proposed new course will seek to standardise the provision and output of multi-professional courses and ensure that all regions are able to offer the course at a constant standard with a consistent level of funding.
* The course will be inclusive and will be developed to ensure future proofing to expand to other professions as they obtain legal prescribing rights.
* HEI’s will utilise their expertise to develop a course that is consistent in content and delivery, for all multi-professional prescribers.
* NHSE’s vision is that in future years this module will become the preferred route for all non-medical prescribing professionals to provide consistency in training.
* The course will cover the entire lifespan of a patient, e.g. children, elderly – with exception of optometrists.
* NHSE expects that the course developed will encourage accessibility and flexibility.
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| **3. Request for Information response**Please respond to each of the following questions:***Note: Please do not send/include links as part of your responses****.*  |
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|  | **Question**  | **Response** |
|  | Do you currently deliver the V300 course, or any other programmes related to prescribing? |  |
|  | how many credits and at what level are prescribing courses offered? |  |
|  | Do you currently use as a regionally agreed application form? If not, would you consider working with other universities to develop this? |  |
|  | What is your current minimum entry requirement for prescribing courses?  |  |
|  | What is a prerequisite for prescribing courses? i.e. history taking and physical assessments.  |  |
|  | How do you ensure the relevant amount of post-registration experience has been achieved before entry to the course to each profession? |  |
|  | Please could you list the professions who you currently offer the V300 course to, and/or any other programmes related to prescribing? |  |
|  | How are you currently supporting and quality assuring supervision?  |  |
|  | Are you utilising multi-professional supervision? |  |
|  | What concerns, challenges or risks do you foresee for providing potential interprofessional learning with nurses, AHPs, midwives, and sometimes pharmacists?Please provide details and order them from high to low.  |  |
|  | What perceived benefits and outcomes do you envision in providing potential interprofessional learning with nurses, AHPs, midwives, and sometimes pharmacists? |  |

Please return your completed document using the information shown on page two.

**Thank you. We appreciate your help and time to consider the documentation provided and to enter your views in this RFI.**