

**Case for Direct Award to the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology [RCOG] for review and updates to Electronic Fetal Monitoring (e-FM) e-Learning Content for e-Learning for Healthcare (TEL)**

HEE is seeking to contract with RCOG to review and update the e-Fetal Monitoring (e-FM) modules that are currently sitting on the e-Learning for Health platform. A joint task and finish group that is led by RCOG and has membership from a wide range of stakeholders from across the maternity system have recognised that the e-FM content is potentially out of date and agreed an action for it to undergo a clinical review to get a better understanding of its relevance.

e-FM teaches and assesses learners in all aspects of intrapartum fetal monitoring and is directed at both obstetricians and midwives in training as well as those who have completed their training. As this programme is under review it has been withdrawn from the platform and is now only accessible to those who have previously enrolled there is a risk that patient safety will be comprised if staff don't have access to the training, therefore the updates are required to take place as a matter of urgency.

The original resource was written by RCOG with support from colleagues at Royal College of Midwives (RCM) to ensure it was suitable for staff working across Obstetrics and Midwifery.

Heath Education England [HEE] believe that RCOG is the only organisation capable of reviewing this content and providing the clinical knowledge and expertise that is required to undertake the review of this vital resource. RCOG have confirmed they have resources in place to carry out the essential works as soon as contracts can be awarded.

This learning has to date been launched approximately 92,000 times and gives users access to around 109 modules relating to e-Fetal Monitoring, it is currently only available to those who are classed as active users and not available to anybody wishing to enrol. Part of this commission will be to carry out a full review which once complete will unlock the modules to all users.

If successful RCOG will be required to:

- Co-ordinate subject matter experts to review the current programmes within the e-FM module and provide feedback on what changes need to be

implemented to ensure the modules are accurate and reflect current guidance and practice, this will ensure that the available modules are safe for current users to continue accessing the modules.

- Work with e-Learning for Health to carry out the updates once content has been agreed, this includes but is not limited to commissioning project management, content designers and any other services as needed to implement the required changes
- Promoting and championing usage of the e-Fetal Monitoring module across a range of networks
- Provide feedback on to RCOG Task and Finish Group on full review which once concluded will unlock the modules to new users.

HEE believes that it is highly unlikely for any other supplier to be able to provide the relevant skills and expertise to carry out this review for the following reasons:

- RCOG, founded in 1929, is the only UK based professional membership organisation representing Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. They received royal status in 1947.
- The RCOG works to improve health care for women everywhere, by setting standards for clinical practice, providing doctors with training and lifelong learning, and advocating for women's health care worldwide.
- The RCOG is responsible for developing the framework and curriculum of post graduate training in O&G in the United Kingdom.
- RCOG has access to over 16000 members worldwide.
- The RCOG contribute to policy development as it affects the O&G profession, the health service and wider women's health concerns
- They advise the government and other public bodies on healthcare matters relating to O&G
- The NHS Long Term Plan (2019) specifically outlines the requirement to work with the Royal Colleges of which RCOG is the only one with responsibility for the O&G.

The duration of the direct award is 1 year. HEE can confirm that they are not required to provide any further funding following the initial updates that are required. Therefore there would no extension required to this direct award.

In the event that RCOG are unable to provide this service, there will be a detrimental impact on HEE service delivery for a number of reasons:

- Significant delay to the project where RCOG are not the only supplier, if HEE are to commission a third party it could result in the loss of important information held by RCOG which could contribute to the review and update of these vital resources.
- There is a risk that patient safety may be compromised should we have to follow a lengthy procurement exercise as a third party will have to clinically review all 109 modules for accuracy thus meaning the learning will not be available to staff for a significant amount of time, this could have an adverse affect on outcomes for mothers and babies.
- Stakeholder engagement will be adversely impacted if HEE are unable to utilise the contacts and networks owned and facilitated by RCOG uniquely.

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