

Invitation to Tender for:

Exploration of the knowledge, skills and behaviours required of the modern physiotherapy graduate including the future role of practice based learning

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Brief to tender for pre-registration education review.

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy is the UK's professional, educational and trade union body. We have more than 60,000 members, including chartered physiotherapists, physiotherapy students and support workers.

The CSP Curriculum Framework for Physiotherapy pre-registration Qualifying Programmes was last reviewed in 2015 and derives from a set of CSP Learning and Development (L&D) Principles which are underpinned by robust quality assurance processes. The Principles cover nine areas of programme delivery (see [L&D principles](#)).

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on physiotherapy education has accelerated digital and simulated learning and innovation in practice based learning opportunities. There is now an opportunity to capitalize on, and evaluate these changes as part of the pre-registration physiotherapy education review, including practice based learning requirements. The purpose of the project is to review and refresh physiotherapy education guidance and its appropriateness to prepare a physiotherapy workforce fit for the future.

Submission Process

Submission of Bid

The CSP invites interested parties to submit an electronic proposal by Friday 25th June 2021 at 17:00 hours.

The submission should also include the **confidentiality agreement attached in Appendix 1, signed with an electronic signature.**

Return to the following: education@csp.org.uk

Following shortlisting, successful teams will be asked to attend a virtual interview via zoom.

Interviews are expected to take place Wednesday 7th July 2021.

If you would like an informal conversation about the project please contact Reena Patel patelr@csp.org.uk

1. Background

Introduction

The demand for physiotherapy is growing and the future workforce needs to have the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for delivering effective health and social care over the next 50 years and beyond. All registered physiotherapists enter the profession through a pre-registration physiotherapy programme and currently all of these programmes seek accreditation from the CSP to ensure highest standards of professional quality. The CSP Learning and Development principles which guide the CSPs quality assurance and enhancement work were last reviewed in 2015. As the professional body for physiotherapy the CSP plays a critical role in shaping and quality assuring physiotherapy education, guiding the future direction of the profession. This guidance enables the education and development of physiotherapists to deliver safe and effective care to transform lives, maximise independence and empower populations.

Over the last five years health and social care policy has shifted, the population continues to get proportionally older and the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic has forced many physiotherapy services to work differently. Physiotherapy service models are changing and workforce development including First Contact Practitioner and a focus on community based rehabilitation need to ensure the pre-registration workforce is adequately prepared for these increasingly patient-centred, community focused, integrated roles. Physiotherapy education needs to ensure it supports and nurtures the development of a more diverse workforce who are able to work in a dynamic profession that reflects the national demographic and the communities that it serves.

Physiotherapy graduates need necessary knowledge, skills and behaviours to enable developments in public health, research, leadership and digital skills to deliver the transformative change that is needed. Technological advancements in teaching and learning as well as healthcare delivery have changed the landscape in many areas and physiotherapy education needs to keep pace with these changes including the delivery of technological enhanced care services and simulated learning.

Practice based learning (PBL) is a central part of physiotherapy education and demands on placement capacity are high. A condition of CSP pre-registration programme accreditation is that physiotherapy students gain at least 1000 hours of practice-based learning. There is a call from stakeholders to review the current requirements and models of PBL to ensure it strikes the balance to diversity, and maximise capacity, quality and utilisation of technology such as high fidelity simulated learning.

The learning and development principles are underpinned by the CSP's [Physiotherapy Framework](#) which is based on the concept of physiotherapy being a complex intervention. Similar to the HCPC, the CSP adopts an outcomes based approach to education. Outcomes based education is a student-centred approach where the emphasis is on what the students are expected and need to be able to do at the end of the learning experience. It therefore goes

beyond the task-based focus of competency frameworks & defines the unique blend of behaviours, knowledge & skills used by the physiotherapy workforce.

The external drivers that influence pre-registration physiotherapy education include but are not limited to;

- Contemporary Health and Social Care Policy e.g. Integrated Health & Social care workforce plan (Scotland), NHS Long Term Plan/People plan (England), delivering together (NI) and AHP Framework (Wales)
- Advances in Digital and Informatics
- Simulation and Immersive Technologies
- Role variation specialist/generalist/versatilitist
- Patient pathways defining the role rather than job titles
- Roles integrating practice, education and research
- Diversity of health and social care providers
- Decolonisation of the curriculum
- Focus on prevention of poor health, public health and reducing social inequalities
- Shift to primary care and care closer to home
- Impact of Covid on longer term workforce planning

2. Tender Objectives

The CSP's objectives for this tender process are to:

- Secure a high quality provider who is able to :
 - Demonstrate the, technical and contextual expertise relevant to the scope and purpose of the project.
 - Provide evidence of completing similar projects, with multiple stakeholders, including achieving similar outcomes and outputs in an agreed timeframe.
 - Provide learning from previous activity and insight into how this could usefully be applied within this project.
- Appoint a contractor who will provide high standards of professional service
- Appoint a contractor who will provide excellent value for money.
- Appoint a contractor who is willing to work collaboratively with the project steering group, stakeholders and the CSP.
- Ensure the appointed contractor is in place in readiness for delivery w/c **2nd August 2021**

3. Tender and Scope Overview

This document briefly describes the CSP requirements and the tendering process to be followed. It also sets out details on the form and content of the bids, which are required, the proposed timetable, and other administrative arrangements for the tendering process. **The maximum amount available for undertaking the contracted activity is £30,000 inc.VAT.** A full breakdown of costs relating to the bid is required as part of the tender process. Please contact Reena Patel: patelr@csp.org.uk if you are in any doubt as to what is required.

3.1 Core requirements of Tender

The bid would need to address how it would meet the objectives, outputs and outcomes of the project.

Objectives:

1. Using a mixed methods approach, engage with key stakeholders to understand and map what the essential knowledge, skills and attributes that are required of the modern physiotherapy graduate.
2. Review the current 1000 hours practice based learning requirement and scope alternative models including the integration of simulated learning.
3. Review findings of stakeholder engagement in line with external drivers to produce recommendations for CSP accreditation guidance for qualifying programmes in physiotherapy including practice based learning requirements.

The work will be in line with the CSPs other work streams:

- a. Practice based learning campaign (PBL) resource development
- b. Equity, Diversity and Belonging strategy
- c. Common placement assessment form (CPAF)

Outputs

A report highlighting recommendations for updating CSP accreditation guidance for qualifying programmes in physiotherapy including practice based learning based on the following:

- Desk based analysis of external policy drivers that influence pre-registration education.
- Scoping review of practice based learning requirements across multiple healthcare professions including simulation in practice based education.
- Stakeholder engagement to determine the essential knowledge, skills and attributes that are required of the modern physiotherapy graduate.
- Stakeholder engagement to include e.g. survey, focus groups/interviews. Insight considering a range of stakeholders including but not limited to;
 - Students/apprentices from a range of programmes/ routes
 - HEIs/ educators
 - Service providers
 - Practice Education Teams
 - CSP professional networks including diversity networks and student reference group
 - CSP members
 - Professional networks outside of the CSP
 - Health leaders, workforce planners
 - Practice education teams
 - CSP Education Reps
 - Multi-professional perspectives e.g. AHP professional bodies

Outcomes

- In light of contemporaneous practice, produce recommendations for CSP accreditation guidance for qualifying programmes in physiotherapy including practice based learning requirements.
- Increased diversity and preparedness of the physiotherapy workforce for future physiotherapy practice.
- Support capacity requirements for practice based learning opportunities by showcasing and integrating placement innovation including simulation.

4.0 Tender Specifics

4.1 Programme Timescale and costs

The proposed timescales:

Stage 1	<p>Stakeholder engagement to identify the knowledge, skills and behaviours required of the future physiotherapy graduate including future role of practice based learning</p> <p>Desk based analysis of external policy drivers that influence pre-registration education.</p> <p>Scoping review of current practice based learning requirements and role of simulated learning</p>	Month 1-2
Stage 2	Analyse and evaluate data/information from Stage 1 to produce recommendations for CSP accreditation guidance for qualifying programmes in physiotherapy including practice based learning requirements	Month 3-4
Stage 3	Consultation/member checking to review recommendations/proposals with stakeholders.	Month 5-6

4.1 Governance

The project will be overseen by a small project steering group, made up of individuals, from CSP staff and membership, chaired by the Education Adviser. The project steering group will meet monthly with the contractor virtually and weekly with the Education Adviser.

Project Steering group:

Reena Patel Project Lead, contact point for the contract

Helen Ismail – Administration Officer

Nina Paterson – Education Adviser

Gill Rawlinson – Assistant Director, Practice and Development

Stephanie Berns – Student coordinator
Matt Liston – Head of Research and Development
Rachel Wadlow – Professional Adviser
Sara Conroy – Professional Adviser
Jane Mitchell – Professional Adviser
Euan McComiskie – Professional Adviser
Tamsin Baird – Professional Adviser

The CSP will undertake the following:

- To manage the contract for the commissioned work, including remuneration arrangements against completion of activities to schedule
- To manage day-to-day contact with the contractor, including reviews of progress and clarifying arrangements for reporting and presentations to the project steering group
- To co-ordinate the supply of background information/related guidance to the contractor to facilitate the progression of activity
- To promote the project and its outcomes and outputs in collaboration with the CSP communications team and networks

The CSP will *not* provide the following to the contractor:

- Direct administrative support
- Literature-searching and supply
- Technical support or the provision of resources
- Remuneration of any other costs outside that which is formalized through the contract and payment schedule.

4.2 Contract Duration

The contract will be awarded for 6 months, subject to satisfactory performance and agreement of fees.

4.3 Other Requirements

None of the tender document formats and wording may be altered by the Tenderer. Any modification that the Tenderer may consider necessary is to be detailed in a separate covering letter accompanying the tender.

Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that they have completed the tender fully and accurately and that prices quoted are arithmetically correct. Any amendments/corrections made by the Tenderer on their bid should be initialled by them.

4.4 Receipt of Tenders

The bids must be received by the CSP, at the email address shown above, no later than 17:00 hours on the Friday 25th June 2021. Please ensure that your tender is delivered no later than the appointed time on the due date as bids submitted after this time will not be considered.

4.5 Acceptance of Tenders

By issuing this invitation, the CSP does not bind itself to accept any tender. It also reserves the right not to award a contract or to offer more than one contract.

4.6 Costs of Bidding

Tenderers shall bear all their own costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of their bids and the CSP bear no responsibility or liability for those costs, regardless of the outcome in relation to individual bids.

4.7 Bid Prices

The CSP expects that the prices/rates quoted for the services shall be fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to any variation unless such is called for in the tender documents.

4.8 Conflict of Interest

Bidders for any service where a conflict of interest may exist or arise must inform the CSP and submit proposals for avoiding such conflicts. This is particularly important where the conflict is likely to result in bias in the execution of the service.

4.9 Documentation

The Tenderer is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the Invitation to Tender documents and check they are complete in all respects. Tenderers are requested to answer all the questions raised in the tender document and in the order laid out.

4.10 Agreement

You are further advised that nothing herein or in any other communication made between the CSP and any other party, or any part thereof, shall be taken as constituting a contract, agreement or representation between the CSP and any other party (save for a formal award of contract made in writing) nor shall they be taken as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that a contract shall be offered in accordance herewith or not at all.

4.11 Confidentiality

The Tenderer shall treat these documents and the information contained within as private and confidential. You must not disclose your bid prices, or even an approximation, prior to the deadline for receipt of the bids except in confidence to an insurance company or broker requiring such in connection with the bid. You must not try to obtain any information about competitors' bids or proposed bids nor make any arrangement with anyone else about whether or not they should bid. As part of the tender application, there is a confidentiality agreement to sign, see appendix one.

5.0 Tender Proposal

In submitting your tender, we are looking for details as to how you will deliver the contract, and you will need to provide sufficient detail for us to understand how your proposal will work and specifically how you would achieve the stated aims and objectives within this specification.

5.1 Submission of Bid

Full name of organisation
Trading Name (if different from above)
Postal Address
Contact in respect of this tender
Telephone number and email address

5.2 Expertise, Experience and Suitability

The selected contractor will need to demonstrate:

- Expertise in qualitative evaluation methods
- Demonstrates the content, technical and contextual expertise relevant to the scope and purpose of the project
- Experience of effective partnership working with multiple stakeholders

5.3 Format and Content of Proposal

Those wishing to undertake this work for the CSP should submit a tender that includes the following:

Tender format requirements

1. The tender document should contain the following:
 - A cover page that includes an indication that the document constitutes a formal response to the CSP's invitation to tender to undertake the review of the physiotherapy curriculum, and the name(s) of the individuals submitting the tender.
 - The individual with whom all communication should be made regarding the progress of the tender's consideration, and the supply of his/her contact details.
 - A contents page, with the structure and sections of the document clearly specified, including the provision of any additional information as appendices (see point 3 below).
 - All pages to be numbered.
2. Tender documents should be no more than 2000 words in length, with each element adhering to the set word limit.
3. Additional information can be provided as appendices. Each appendix should be clearly labelled and referred to in the text of main submission document, so that the nature and purpose of the additional information is clear.
4. Specific appendices should be provided that provide the summary curricula vitae for each team member who would be materially involved in undertaking activity within the project (paying particular attention to criteria 8.1 - 8.4 below).
5. Additional information can be provided in the form of digital links to other resources (for example, material that the tenderer has produced previously). Where provided, care should be taken to ensure the following:
 - Permission has been secured to provide the link (where required).
 - The link is operational.
 - The purpose of supplying the additional information is clear.
6. Tender documents should be submitted in an electronic format, and sent to the following email address by the deadline of 17:00 on Friday 25th June: patelr@csp.org.uk

Tender content requirements

Tender documents should supply the information outlined below, including by addressing the specific questions raised.

7. Methodology and analysis [800 words]

Include in the response:

- How would you address and progress an approach to fulfil the objectives of this tender?
- What methodologies would you use to undertake the review?

- How do you plan to analyse member/other stakeholder feedback to inform the recommendations?
- How would you develop recommendations to optimise how this work progresses?
- In what ways would your approach to the project demonstrate creativity and innovation?

8. Expertise [500 words]

The expertise held by the tenderer that would be used to fulfil the tender requirement, including the following questions:

- What particular expertise (content, technical and contextual) would you bring to scope and purpose of this project?
- What particular experience do you have of successfully completing a project in a similar area, with multiple stakeholders, including achieving similar outcomes and outputs?
- How would you expect to apply learning from previous activity to the project?
- What particular insights, experience and commitment would you bring to the project, including responding to changing needs and collaborative working?

9. Capacity [700 words]

The capacity held by the tenderer to fulfil the requirement within the specified timescale, including in relation to the following questions:

- How would you plan to complete the project activity within the defined timescale?
- What support (administrative, technical, access to library & knowledge resources, etc.) do you require to complete the project effectively and within the required timeframe?
- How would you ensure that you have the organisational stability to deliver the project's outputs and outcomes to schedule?

10. Evaluation Criteria

The contract will be awarded to the contractor that is best able to meet the CSP's needs and aims as defined in this document, and can demonstrate that their proposal is best value. Failure to provide all or part of the information may result in your submission being excluded from the evaluation process. Please provide details on the following criteria:

- A proven track record of conducting insight work
- A good understanding of the brief, and the objectives of this work
- Previous experience of similar work and evidence that objectives were met

- The capacity to deliver in accordance with the required timescales
- Relevant expertise and experience
- Estimated cost
- Ability and willingness to work collaboratively with the CSP
- Identification of any added value which you could offer

Following the receipt of bids and an initial evaluation, those short-listed will be required to meet with the Associate Director for Workforce and Education and the Education Advisers to present and discuss their proposed approach.

The successful contractor will be required to enter into a formal contract with the CSP to develop and deliver the specified project outputs.

Appendix 1

Confidentiality agreement

This Agreement is made as on the date of last signature below.

Between

- (1) **The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy** a company incorporated under Royal Charter with registered number RC000107 whose registered office is at 14 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4ED; and
- (2) _____ a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number _____ whose registered office is at _____, _____, (each a **Party** and together the **Parties**).

Meanings

1. These words and phrases have defined meanings;

Agreement	this confidentiality agreement and any amendments from time to time;
Confidential Information	any information disclosed by or on behalf of a Disclosing Party (as defined below) to a Receiving Party (as defined below) during the Term that at the time of disclosure (whether in writing, electronic or digital form, verbally or by inspection of documents, computer systems or sites or pursuant to discussions or by any other means or other forms and whether directly or indirectly) is confidential in nature or may reasonably be considered to be commercially sensitive, and which relates to the business and affairs of the Disclosing Party including but not limited to: (a) all Intellectual Property Rights of the Disclosing Party and (b) all analyses, compilations, studies and other documents prepared by the Receiving Party which contain or otherwise reflect or are generated from the information referred to above;
Disclosing Party	either Party to this Agreement when disclosing Confidential Information to the other Party;
Effective Date	the date of this Agreement;
Intellectual Property Rights	all trade and service marks, registered and unregistered design rights, all design right applications, patents, copyrights, database rights and rights in know-how, confidential information and inventions and other intellectual property rights of a similar or corresponding character whenever and however arising and all renewals and extensions of such rights which may now or in the future subsist;
Permitted Purpose	the information is shared for the purposes of the tender of external audit services.;

Receiving Party	either Party to this Agreement when receiving Confidential Information from the other Party;
Term	the term of this Agreement;
Working Day	any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday in England and Wales.

2. In this Agreement, unless the context requires a different interpretation:
- the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
 - references to sub-clauses, clauses, schedules or appendices are to sub-clauses, clauses, schedules or appendices of this Agreement;
 - a reference to a person includes firms, companies, government entities, trusts and partnerships;
 - "including" is understood to mean 'including without limitation';
 - reference to any statutory provision includes any modification or amendment of it;
 - the headings and sub-headings do not form part of this Agreement.

Obligations in relation to Confidential Information

3. In consideration of the disclosure to it of Confidential Information by the Disclosing Party the Receiving Party agrees and undertakes that it will, subject to the provisions of Clause 4:
- keep all Confidential Information strictly confidential and will not disclose any part of it to any other person without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent;
 - not use any part or the whole of the Confidential Information directly or indirectly for any purposes other than the Permitted Purpose without the express written consent of the Disclosing Party;
 - use the same degree of care to protect the Confidential Information as it uses to protect its own confidential information, being at least a reasonable degree of care.

Permitted disclosures

4. A Receiving Party may disclose Confidential Information to its employees, professional advisers, agents and sub-contractors (each a "Permitted Disclosee") provided that the Permitted Disclosee (i) has a need to have access to the Confidential Information for the performance of its work in relation to the Permitted Purpose and (ii) is bound by a written agreement or professional obligation to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Information which it receives from the Receiving Party.

Ownership of confidential information

5. The Confidential Information and all Intellectual Property Rights contained in it will remain the property of the Disclosing Party and the disclosure of the Confidential Information will not give the Receiving Party any rights in any part of the Confidential Information.

Exceptions to non-disclosure and confidentiality

6. The obligations of confidentiality set out in this Agreement will not apply to any information which:

- a. is already known to, or in the possession of, the Receiving Party at the time of its disclosure by the Disclosing Party, and is not subject to any obligation of confidentiality;
- b. is, or becomes through no wrongful act or default of the Receiving Party, public knowledge;
- c. is received from a third party in circumstances where the Receiving Party has no reason to believe that there has been a breach of a duty of confidence;
- d. is required to be disclosed by law or the rules of any court or other body of competent jurisdiction; any governmental or regulatory body or any recognised investment exchange.

Term and return of Confidential Information

7. This Agreement will come into force on the Effective Date and will continue in force until the anniversary of this Agreement, unless terminated earlier at any time by either Party giving written notice of termination to the other.
8. On termination of this Agreement or on demand by the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party will immediately stop using all Confidential Information, return all Confidential Information to the Disclosing Party and provide a certificate to the Disclosing Party certifying that no copies of the Confidential Information have been made or retained.

Remedies

9. Both Parties acknowledge that damages alone would not constitute an adequate remedy for any breach by the Receiving Party of this Agreement.
10. Each Party shall, without prejudice to any and all other rights and remedies which may be available, be entitled to the remedies of injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief for any breach of this Agreement by the other Party actual or threatened.

Limitation of liability

11. Each Party warrants to the other that it has the legal right and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.
12. Subject to the above, neither Party, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, subsidiaries or any other associated third parties associated accepts any responsibility or liability for, or makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, that the Confidential Information disclosed by either Party is accurate or complete.

Circumstances beyond the control of the parties

13. A Party to this Agreement will not be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations where such failure or delay results from any cause that is beyond the reasonable control of that Party. In these circumstances, the affected party must notify the other party or parties as soon as reasonably practicable. The notified Party or Parties may suspend or terminate the Agreement on notice, taking effect immediately upon delivery of the notice.

Entire Agreement

14. This Agreement contains the whole agreement between the Parties relating to its subject matter and supersedes all prior discussions, arrangements or agreements that might have

taken place in relation to the Agreement. Nothing in this clause limits or excludes any liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

General

15. No Party may assign, transfer, sub-contract, or in any other manner make over to any third party the benefit and/or burden of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party or parties, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
16. No variation to this Agreement will be valid or binding unless it is recorded in writing and signed by or on behalf of the Parties.
17. The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 will not apply to this Agreement and no third Party will have any right to enforce or rely on any provision of this Agreement.
18. Unless otherwise agreed, no delay, act or omission by a Party in exercising any right or remedy will be deemed a waiver of that, or any other, right or remedy.
19. Provisions which by their intent or terms are meant to survive the termination of this Agreement will do so.
20. If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of this Agreement (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision will, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement will not be affected.
21. Any notice to be delivered under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered by pre-paid first class post to or left by hand delivery at the registered address or place of business of the notified Party, or sent by email to the other Party's main business email address as notified to the sending Party. Notices:
 - a. sent by post will be deemed to have been received, where posted from and to addresses in the United Kingdom, on the second Working Day and where posted from or to addresses outside the United Kingdom, on the tenth Working Day following the date of posting;
 - b. delivered by hand will be deemed to have been received at the time the notice is left at the proper address;
 - c. sent by email will be deemed to have been received on the next Working Day after sending.
22. This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

Governing law and jurisdiction

23. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the law of England and Wales and all disputes arising under the Agreement (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts.

The parties have signed this Agreement on the date(s) below:

N. A Beswetherick

Signed:

Natalie Beswetherick for and on behalf of The
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Dated:

14/05/2021

Signed:

_____ for and
on behalf of _____

Dated:
