



Dear Responsible Officer,

Re:- Health and Social Care and Childcare Qualifications in Wales

As you are aware, Qualifications Wales published a Notification to Restrict a suite of health and social care and childcare qualifications that we wish to develop for first teaching from September 2019. This followed a [Review](#), published in July and a [Consultation](#) launched in September and [reported on](#) in November. Following the notification interested parties were invited to submit representations in response to the proposed Restriction.

We received three representations from awarding bodies, the issues raised were carefully considered and we have responded individually to those awarding bodies. The Qualifications Wales Board has further considered the issues and has made the decision to proceed with the Restriction. We intend to formally issue the Determination to Restrict in January 2017.

We therefore now intend to commence a fair and transparent procurement process to award contracts to recognised awarding body[ies] to develop the new health and social care and childcare qualifications for first teaching September 2019.

The contract notice will be issued on [Sell2Wales](#) (sell2wales.gov.wales) to inform interested parties of the commencement of the procurement process and the way in which they can participate. We anticipate this going live on 6 January 2017. If you are interested in bidding please register now on sell2wales.co.uk to ensure that you receive notification of tenders in category 'education and training services', CPV code 80000000. Registration is free.

We will be undertaking the process in several stages commencing with a pre-qualification stage to ensure those awarding bodies that we bring through to the

tender stage will have the capability, capacity and financial standing to perform the contracts.

The contract specification, terms and conditions of contract, high level evaluation criteria and the pre-qualification questionnaire will be available on [etenderwales](http://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk) (etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk). The contract specification will include the lot structure (a grouping of qualifications which interested parties can bid to develop and deliver) along with the proposed qualifications structure and framework.

The timetable for the various stages of the process will be included in the documents on etenderwales along with an explanation of each stage. We will be conducting a webinar following the publication of the pre-qualification questionnaire to explain further this stage of the process and to receive questions.

Once the contract notice has been published in January 2017, we remind you that all communications concerning the procurement process should be addressed via the message facility on etenderwales and not directly to Qualification Wales. In the meantime, please direct any queries on the procurement process to our Head of Procurement, Liz Frizi (liz.frizi@qualificationswales.org).

Yours sincerely,



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