

Invitation to Tender

To Design and Undertake a Formative Evaluation of the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programmes' Service Provider Education and Training Initiative (PEGASUS) in England

The NHS Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Screening Programme (SC&T Programme) was set up in 2001 as part of the UK National Screening Committee (NSC), to implement a linked antenatal screening for sickle cell and thalassaemia and newborn screening for sickle cell. The Programme is funded to deliver services for screening, produce and deliver training for health care professionals and develop a cohesive communication strategy aimed at health care professionals and the general public.

The training initiative PEGASUS was commissioned in 2004 by the SC&T Programme (acting on behalf of the NSC), to develop education and training for health professionals involved in antenatal and newborn screening. The University of Nottingham Division of Primary Care led a collaboration of four NHS and academic institutions in the development and implementation of PEGASUS resources. The collaborating centres were; National Genetics Education and Development Centre in Birmingham Camden and Islington Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Counselling Centre (Islington Primary Care Trust), Centre for Health Informatics and Multi professional Education (CHIME) at University College London.

Individuals, organisations or consortia are now invited to tender for an independent formative evaluation of the education and training programme (PEGASUS) taking a broad methodological approach to inform the future development of the SC&T education and training strategy.

The broad evaluation questions proposed are:

- What are the organisational structural and socio-cultural factors that have helped or hindered the successful implementation of the cascade model of training used to implement the PEGASUS programme
- What are the organisational structural and socio-cultural factors that have helped or hindered the successful implementation of the discrete elements of the PEGASUS programme

Further information in the form of a detailed brief can be found on the following website: <http://www.sickleandthal.org.uk/Vacancies.htm>, or telephone 020 7848 6634.

The deadline for receipt of tender documents is **1pm Friday 20th February 2009**

