

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Rationale for Subcontracting

Statement

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LTH) is delivering high quality apprenticeship provision to meet the needs of the Apprentice and the Employer. The delivery of apprenticeship programmes will be carried out by LTH, except in the limited instances outlined below.

1. Subcontracting for Maths, English and ICT Functional Skills

The Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) require all learners undertaking an apprenticeship to achieve or attempt level 2 Functional Skills (dependant on apprenticeship level) in Maths, English and ICT as specified within the Apprenticeship Standard and Assessment Plan.

Where an apprentice does not hold these certifications, the ESFA fund apprentices to achieve these qualifications.

LTH specialises in delivering high quality apprenticeships at Level 3 and level 5, therefore LTH subcontracts the training for Maths, English and ICT Functional Skills to a third party subcontractor.

The use of a third party subcontractor to deliver Maths, English and ICT functional skills qualifications provides expert provision at the relevant level to maximise the Apprentice's learning journey.

The use of subcontractors in the limited instances described above are agreed by LTH at the start of an apprenticeship where applicable.

LTH only enters into a subcontracting relationship with a subcontractor to support its for apprenticeship provision when they are eligible to receive apprenticeship funding, as outlined in the ESFA Apprenticeship Funding Rules. All subcontractors have a contractual relationship with LTH and are required to undergo rigorous quality assurance processes and remain compliant with the ESFA Apprenticeship Funding Rules.

Subcontracting Management Fees

Functional Skills will be sub-contracted out at the exact ESFA Funding rate of £471.00 for Maths and English and £345.00 for ICT with LTH absorbing the costs of Quality Assurance.

For Further information in relation to sub-contracting please contact:

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