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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ID Medical collaborates with NHS Trusts to support international recruitment strategies to meet nurse shortages**

*ID Medical, the UK’s leading multi-discipline healthcare recruiter, has been awarded a place on Lot 5 of NHS London Procurement Partnership’s (LPP) collaborative national nursing framework. Lot 5 supports the recruitment of international nurses for NHS trusts to meet the demand for skilled nurses.*

Lot 5 of the new collaborative [national nursing framework](http://www.id-medical.com/nursing-agency-framework) (which commenced 14th May 2014 for a period of two years, plus two one-year extension periods) provides NHS Trusts and other public sector bodies with the means to recruit nursing and nursing-related staff from overseas both from EU and non-EU countries.

ID Medical was successful in passing a specific LPP audit tailored to the recruitment of staff from overseas and achieved the required score for specific quality questions related to managing overseas recruitment.

The extent of national nursing shortages has been revealed by NHS Employers, with 83% of organisations experiencing shortages of skilled nurses, meaning Trusts across the UK are actively seeking collaborative partners to support them with their international recruitment strategies.

As an awarded supplier, ID Medical has been meticulously vetted and will continue to support NHS trusts to recruit nurses from EU countries, such as Spain, Portugal or Romania, as well as non-EU countries, such as the Philippines and India, where there are highly qualified nurses actively seeking employment opportunities within the UK to broaden their horizons and earn a decent living.

Trushar Patel, ID Medical’s International recruitment manager said, “ID Medical International plays a vital role in ensuring continuity of care and driving maximum value savings for Trusts accessing Lot 5 of the framework, but further to that we are also responsible for alleviating possible pressures, anxieties and negativity that can be associated with the recruitment of International staff into the UK’s unique health system. Most recently we have introduced medical English courses to support foreign nurses to achieve the required level of medical English to communicate effectively with patients, delivering optimum care.

“This additional Framework appointment once again confirms ID Medical’s credentials as a leading healthcare recruitment agency and its capability in sourcing highly skilled and vetted nurses from outside of the UK. We will work in collaboration with NHS hospitals, operating with diligence as always to fulfil international staffing requirements and support on-going recruitment drives.”

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More information on Lot 5 (International) of the LPP framework can be found [here](https://www.lpp.nhs.uk/page.asp?fldArea=7&fldMenu=2&fldSubMenu=4&fldKey=402). Reference for contract: LPP 2013-00005.

Information on ID Medical’s International recruitment division can be found [here](http://www.id-medical.com/international-locum-recruitment).

**About ID Medical**

Award-winning, multi-discipline healthcare recruiter ID Medical was formed in 2002 and is a superior quality supplier of locum doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and clerical staff, holding preferred supplier contracts with over 90% of NHS hospitals and private medical sector organisations.

From its headquarters in Milton Keynes as well as its Central London office, ID Medical provides practical, cost-effective and **innovative workforce solutions**, supplying over 3 million hours to the NHS per annum. Within each of its professional divisions, ID Medical has dedicated client and candidate teams covering the multitude of medical specialties and roles to ensure every valued customer receives its premier level service, ultimately ensuring patients are always put first.

Since its foundation, the company has earned itself industry-wide accreditation and success with an amounting collection of accolades. These include the Recruiter FAST 50, Investec Hot 100, Recruitment International Top 250 and The Sunday Times Virgin Fast Track 100. Most notably, through an abiding focus on employee satisfaction, ID Medical was crowned Recruitment International’s ‘Best Recruitment Company to Work for 2013’ and made its debut in The Sunday Times Best Companies to Work for 2014 at list position 33.

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