National Assembly for Wales Academic Fellowship scheme
2020 Directed Call: Project outline

New immigration system

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1 Description of the Project

The UK Government will soon publish its proposals for a new, post-Brexit immigration system.

Given that the new system will need to be in force by January 2021, Assembly Members and committees will need detailed analysis of the new proposals and how they relate to devolved areas within a short time frame.

Possible areas of interest could be the impact on the health and social care workforce, economic development, short term workers and community cohesion, further and higher education students and staff, recruitment, skills shortages, demographic trends, and any regional variations or dispersal measures.

The specific areas of focus for this work will be clearer once the proposals are published.

Professor Jonathan Portes conducted analysis of the previous UK Government’s White Paper proposals and the impact on Wales, particularly around the salary threshold, and similar analysis would be useful (if the threshold is changed).

2 Skills/expertise required

- In-depth knowledge of immigration policy
- Ability to write clearly in a completely impartial manner
- Knowledge of the political landscape around immigration policy
- Knowledge of Welsh policy and the impact of immigration on these areas
- Ability to crystallise complex subject matter into readable formats for people of differing levels of knowledge
3 **Expected Outputs**

- Research briefing
- Possible evidence to a committee, depending on whether they wish to consider the proposals in depth

4 **Expected timescale**

Depends on when the UK Government publish its proposals, but Members will likely want to scrutinise the impact on Wales in time to input into any consultation or to influence the final policy.

5 **Working arrangements**

To be negotiated, again depends on UKG proposals.