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## **Framework for the Provision of Apprenticeship Training and End Point Assessment Services**

SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Salisbury Managed Procurement Services

Salisbury

SP2 8BJ

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.salisbury.nhs.uk](http://www.salisbury.nhs.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

[https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs\\_collaborative/web/login.html](https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs\\_collaborative/web/login.html](https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Framework for the Provision of Apprenticeship Training and End Point Assessment Services

Reference number

S/10353

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Salisbury NHSFT are opening a new Framework to replace the current DPS for the provision of Apprenticeship Training and End Point Assessment services. Suitably qualified providers should access the Response Documents via the Trust's Bravo procurement portal.

Salisbury NHSFT are acting as a central purchasing body for all eligible public sector organisations.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - NORTH EAST (ENGLAND)
- UKD - NORTH WEST (ENGLAND)
- UKE - YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- UKF - EAST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)
- UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)
- UKH - EAST OF ENGLAND
- UKI - LONDON
- UKJ - SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)
- UKK - SOUTH WEST (ENGLAND)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Following the success of Salisbury's Dynamic Purchasing System for Apprenticeships and Education, this new framework is being opened as the DPS comes to end of life.

This Framework will operate at two levels - Level One, where any suitably qualified and eligible provider can submit details of all the apprenticeships they offer, and employers can then either direct award or, via Salisbury, conduct a further competition against their local needs. Level Two will be a smaller number of providers for a specific standard, appointed via a Further Competition, using a higher selection criteria published with each ITT.

Both levels of listing are open across all our eligible public and third sector organisations. Level Two listed providers can be selected either by employer direct award or a further competition amongst those listed.

Any Provider applying to the Framework must meet all the pass/fail criteria listed on the Response Document, and must only submit responses via Salisbury's Bravo procurement portal.

All Providers must agree to the Framework terms and conditions published on the Bravo portal - amendments to those Terms will not be made for specific providers.

Interested providers must complete the relevant submission on Salisbury's Bravo procurement portal in order to be considered. Please note the final selection of providers to award is a decision for employers and this Framework does not represent a spend commitment by any organisation.

Providers will be able to apply for the initial opening of the Framework, and also for subsequent openings of the Framework to either declare new capability, apply for the first time, or respond to new Apprenticeship Standards as they are added to the listings.

Supplier Eligibility

In order to be approved onto the Framework, providers must :

- Be fully registered on the Register of Approved Training Providers (where offering apprenticeship training provision) and/or the Register of End Point Assessment Organisations (where offering end point assessment). Organisations with a current rating of "Requires Improvement" or "Inadequate" may not apply.
- Where an Ofsted rating has been issued, this must be Grade 1 (Outstanding) or Grade 2 (Good). Where an Ofsted Monitoring Report has been issued, this must be either for Significant Progress or Reasonable Progress.
- Organisations experiencing a reduction in their Ofsted rating / visit to a rating below the above criteria will be suspended from the Framework until their Ofsted rating meets the criteria above.
- Organisations without a current Ofsted rating / visit may still apply but must meet all other quality criteria.
- Providers must, for each Apprenticeship they are wishing to be listed for, provide details of starts / completions / success and attrition on their Framework Response form. Any provider with more than 50% of their starts on an Apprenticeship who fail to complete that Apprenticeship will not be listed for that standard.
- No Providers offering a cost above the ESFA funding band for the apprenticeship will be listed for that Apprenticeship.
- Where a Standard requires Professional Body approval to deliver, the Provider must either (a) have that approval in place at the time of submitting that Standard onto the framework, or (b) be reasonably expecting to gain that approval before the next scheduled opening of the Framework. Where neither of these criteria can be fulfilled, the Provider must wait until the next opening of the Framework to submit that Standard. Where employers / regions run a Further Competition for that standard, providers may respond with a roadmap to professional body accreditation acceptable to the Employers.

### Regional / National Delivery

The Framework Response document asks for delivery locations of any face to face / physical delivery of training. Two criteria apply for selection onto the Framework :

- "National" delivery may only be selected by a Provider where they either have a physical location in all of the seven regions listed, or where they will deliver training within every region (e.g. at employer location) without requiring the learner to travel to a location outside of the region in which they are employed.

- If a provider requires learners to travel to any location, for any part of the Apprenticeship training, then the provider will only be listed as delivering in that location.
- This does not affect the ability of Employers to select those providers, regardless of where the Employer is based, if they are able to support their learners travelling to the Provider's location.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

12 April 2021

End date

1 April 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

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#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

31 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The following Contracting Authorities are entitled to place Orders:

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and all bodies listed below :

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Please note Central Government departments may be subject to Government Digital Service approval before using the Framework Agreement.

Local Authorities (England and Wales)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/791684/List\\_of\\_councils\\_in\\_England\\_2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791684/List_of_councils_in_England_2019.pdf)

National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/about-us>

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Education including Schools, Universities and Colleges listed :

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=all-england&for=secondary>

Police Forces listed by the College of Policing, plus Police Scotland and Police Service of

## Northern Ireland

[https://www.college.police.uk/About/Copyright\\_Licensing/Pages/Home-Office-police-forces.aspx](https://www.college.police.uk/About/Copyright_Licensing/Pages/Home-Office-police-forces.aspx)

Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests

## Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

## NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

## Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice?gclid=CPLU3cD7zdECFdaRGwodNeoDyw>

## Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social->

## housing

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

[www.cas.org.uk](http://www.cas.org.uk)

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and (i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreement if the Authority is satisfied that:

- such entity is calling-off goods and/or services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreement on their own account;
- all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide goods and/or services at sites occupied by such public sector body(ies); and
- it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(ies) directly, in

full and on a purely "pass-through" basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of goods and/or services imposed on the relevant public sector body(ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreement in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreement on its/their own account.

Any 'bodies governed by public law' which under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 means bodies that have all of the following characteristics

(a) they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

(b) they have legal personality; and

(c) they have any of the following characteristics:-

(i) they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

(ii) they are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or

(iii) they have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom