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Tender

Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme Training Provision

NHS ENGLAND

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The clarification question deadline and tender submission dates have been updated

Scope

Reference

C341402

Description

NHS England is seeking a supplier(s) to deliver the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards.

This requirement is being Lotted by region, with each Lot being as follows:

Lot 1 - East of England

Lot 2 - London

Lot 3 - Midlands

Lot 4 - North East and Yorkshire

Lot 5 - North West

Lot 6 - South East

Lot 7 - South West

Contracts awarded following this Procurement process will initially run until 13/08/2028. There will be the option to extend agreements for up to a further 24 months.

Bidders may apply for multiple Lots however must have the ability to deliver the full capacity for the Lot in which they are bidding.

The cost for this service is capped at £833 exc. VAT per learner. This is a pass/fail requirement. Bidders that refuse to deliver at this cost will be automatically rejected from this opportunity.

To note, a preliminary market engagement notice was not published for this opportunity due to the fact that any pre-market engagement relating to this activity took place prior to the implementation of PA2023.

Late submissions will not be accepted therefore, please submit in good time prior to the deadline date and time. All communications should be made via the messaging function on the e-Tendering portal during the tender exercise.

The Contracting Authority requests that all communications are channelled through the e-portal system and not with the Contracting Authority itself other than as expressly permitted within this ITT.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,246,700 excluding VAT
- £9,896,036 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 June 2025 to 13 August 2028
- Possible extension to 13 August 2030
- 5 years, 2 months, 12 days

Description of possible extension:

Contracts awarded following this procurement process may be extended by up to 24 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Lot 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - East of England

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in the East of England.

Lot value (estimated)

- £639,744 excluding VAT
- £767,692 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - London

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in London.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,031,687 excluding VAT
- £2,438,024 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Midlands

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in the Midlands.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,596,028 excluding VAT
- £1,915,233 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North East and Yorkshire

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in North East and Yorkshire.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,244,502 excluding VAT
- £1,493,402 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North West

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in the North West.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,296,148 excluding VAT
- £1,555,377 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South East

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in the South East.

Lot value (estimated)

- £831,334 excluding VAT
- £997,600 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 7. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South West

Description

Delivery of the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards in the South West.

Lot value (estimated)

- £607,257 excluding VAT
- £728,708 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - East of England

Lot 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - London

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Lot 5. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North West

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- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 April 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

28 April 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Project Reference: C341402

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 May 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical - Core	65% of the technical questions are common across all Lots. Suppliers submit one response regardless of the number of Lots they are bidding for.	Quality	65%
Technical - Lot Specific	25% of the technical score is based upon Lot specific questions.	Quality	25%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Social Value	10% of the overall score is based upon bidders responses to social value questions.	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

NHS ENGLAND

- NHS Organisation Data Service: X24

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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