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Award

Developing Adaptable Pharmacy Professionals through Training and Education

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C367497

Description

NHS England (NHSE) undertook a procurement under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) to appoint a supplier with the capability, capacity, and specialist expertise to deliver national education and training programmes for the registered pharmacy workforce in England.

The procurement covered two principal workstreams, delivered by a single provider (or consortium):

1. Core Programme – Packages of education, training, and skills development made available to the entire registered pharmacy workforce.
2. Primary and Integrated Care Programme – A dedicated education and training programme designed to equip pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with the skills and knowledge required for roles within primary and integrated care settings.

Contract 1. Developing Adaptable Pharmacy Professionals through Training and Education

Supplier

- University of Manchester

Contract value

- £49,470,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

20 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 4 March 2026

- 9 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension of 24 months as a 12 month + 12 month

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

12 month + 12 month

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

University of Manchester

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMJG-4344-PVGY

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

N/A

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

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Contracting authority

NHS England

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government