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## **Provision of Level 3 SMT - Aseptic Principles Pharmacy Technical Service Course**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

SSP-ITT-61454

### **Description**

This notice is to advise the marketplace of the intention to award a contract for the Provision of Level 3 SMT - Aseptic Principles Pharmacy Technical Service Course

The Pharmacy Division of NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) supports the safe and efficient delivery of pharmaceutical services across NHS Wales. It provides centralised support in areas such as procurement, production, quality assurance, and logistics of medicines. The division works closely with health boards and trusts to ensure compliance, cost-effectiveness, and high standards in pharmacy services, including sterile and non-sterile manufacturing.

The Pharmacy Division started to use Level 3 Diploma in the Principles of Aseptic Pharmaceuticals Processing in March 2022 as entry level initial education and training for

the operational teams within the production and quality sections and has had seven cohorts to date.

Originally delivered by one supplier, the course has become an established standard for operational training. With multiple providers now offering the programme, this procurement is looking to award the contract to deliver the course through a competitive process and award the successful supplier with a 1-year contract with extension options to extend 12 months and a further 12 months.

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## **Contract 1. Provision of Level 3 SMT - Aseptic Principles Pharmacy Technical Service Course**

### **Supplier**

- West Suffolk College (Eastern Education Group)

### **Contract value**

- £226,500 excluding VAT
- £271,800 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

26 February 2026

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

11 March 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 12 March 2026 to 11 March 2027
- Possible extension to 11 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

two 12-month optional extensions

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

## **Contract locations**

- UKL - Wales

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## **Information about tenders**

- 3 tenders received

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

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

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## Supplier

### West Suffolk College (Eastern Education Group)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLPD-9482-BMWM

Out Risbygate

Bury St. Edmunds

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Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### **NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RQF

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales