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Tender

Autism Peer Education (previously known as Autism Central)

NHS England

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-019133

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050d3c

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Scope

Description

NHS England is looking to appoint a provider for a Autism Peer Education programme. This is a LTR Open procurement which will begin 1st October 2025 and end 30th September 2028 with 1+1 years optional extensions. NHS England recognises that families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people are a valuable and vital part of providing the support that autistic people need. Families, carers and personal assistants benefit from accessing high quality education and training to enable them to support and maintain the wellbeing of their family member(s). In co-production with peer educators and subject matter experts, the work delivered so far by Autism Central offers locally accessible education and training for families, carers and personal assistants across all English regions. A PIN and RFI were issued in November 2024 to promote collaboration across SMEs and raise awareness of the upcoming tender.

Total value (estimated)

- £6,000,000 excluding VAT

- £7,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

1+1 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 May 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Through Atamis e-tendering portal

https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/ProSpend__CustomCommunitiesLogin?locale=uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 August 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 September 2028

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	60%	Quality	60.00%
Commercial	30%	Cost	30.00%
Social Value	10%	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

NHS England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government