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Framework for the Provision of Apprenticeship Training and End Point Assessment - September 2022 Update

SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Salisbury

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

NHS Organisation Data Service

RNZ

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

S10353

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Framework was established in February 2021 to replace the previous Dynamic Purchasing System operated by Salisbury NHSFT.

This Framework operates 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.

Additionally, if you are a provider who has only previously responded / been awarded under a profession specific procurement (reference numbers beginning C1546...) you must also submit a response to this Framework in order for that earlier award to remain valid. This excludes awards under C2099 (Advanced Clinical Practice), C2443 (Nursing and Midwifery), and C2593 (Paramedic).

This Requirement is for the September 2022 opening of the Framework, to allow for the following :

- 1 - Existing providers to update their course listing (using the Excel document issued on the Bravo portal only)
- 2 - New providers to apply to join the Framework
- 3 - Existing providers to advise of changes in their status, e.g. contact details or Ofsted rating.

Do I need to respond to this opening?

Yes - New provider applying to join

Existing provider adding new programmes

Existing provider with changes in details / Ofsted rating

Existing provider who's course data (achievement rates, etc) have changed
Existing provider with no changes to courses offered (update achievement data)

Please note we have added a "course weblink" column to the response spreadsheet, to enable providers to direct employers to further information. Existing suppliers with no other changes do not need to add this, it is not a mandatory field, but employers may select providers offering such information instead.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

End date

31 March 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

II.2.14) Additional information

Supplier Eligibility

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

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- 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.
- Provide (for all programmes) at least one resit per module free of charge, and one retake at End Point Assessment (regardless of appointed EPAO where not integrated)
- 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.

- University providers must agree not to use UCAS points as selection criteria for any programme, and must work with employers to accept prior or experiential learning, and bridging programmes, in order to accept learners onto programme.

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 :

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- "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.

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.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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

10 October 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 31 March 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 October 2022

Local time

8:00am

Place

Note - Previous Find a Tender notices apply (most recent 2022/S 000-005521).

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: March 2023

September 2023

March 2024

September 2024

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

Framework Scope & Eligible Organisations

The Contracting Authority expressly reserved the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it saw fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.

The awarding of a place on the Framework does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. Any orders placed under this Framework will form a separate contract under the scope of this Framework between the supplier and the specific requesting other contracting body. The Contracting Authority and other contracting bodies utilising the Framework shall only use electronic portals during the life of the agreement.

Any values that have been provided are only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this framework agreement.

The Framework has been established by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, for use by the following bodies (and any future successors to these organisations):

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

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®ion=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

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.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.

This Framework is valid for four years, ending 12:00 on 01 April, 2025. Employers may enter into contracts which extend beyond the lifetime of the Framework - no maximum is set by the Framework for the length of that subsequent contract. All subsequent contracts under the Framework are non-exclusive and do not form a minimum financial commitment by the Contracting Authority(ies).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court, England & Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom