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Award

Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme Training Provision

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C341402

Description

NHS England has run an open procurement for a supplier(s) to deliver the core training offer for the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for the academic year 25/26 onwards. The tender was split regionally by Lots 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

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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

Contract 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lots 1/2/6

Lots

Lot 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - East of England

Lot 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - London

Lot 6. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South East

Supplier

- [ProPharmace Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £3,502,765 excluding VAT
- £4,203,318 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 June 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 June 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 June 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 June 2025 to 13 August 2028
- Possible extension to 13 August 2030
- 5 years, 1 month, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract may be extended for up to 24 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
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Contract 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lots 3/4/5

Lots

Lot 3. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Midlands

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

Lot 5. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North West

Supplier

- [Buttercups Training Limited](#)

Contract value

- £4,136,678 excluding VAT
- £4,964,013.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 June 2025

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5 June 2025

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18 June 2025

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Contract 3. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lot 7

Lots

Lot 7. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South West

Supplier

- [University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 June 2025

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5 June 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 June 2025

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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - East of England

- 7 tenders received
- 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Midlands

- 8 tenders received
 - 8 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 7 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 7. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South West

- 6 tenders received
 - 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - London

- 6 tenders received

- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 6. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - South East

- 8 tenders received
 - 8 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 7 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 4. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North East and Yorkshire

- 7 tenders received
- 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 5. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - North West

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

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

Buttercups Training Limited

- Companies House: 03027611

Buttercups House Castlebridge Office Village

Nottingham

NG7 1TN

United Kingdom

Email: buttercupsbids@bpp.com

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

Contract 2. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lots 3/4/5

ProPharmace Ltd

- Companies House: 06837467

47-49 Park Royal Road

London

NW10 7LQ

United Kingdom

Email: modar@propharmace.com

Region: UKI73 - Ealing

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

Contract 1. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lots 1/2/6

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMBM-6973-YNDX

Trust Headquarters, Marlborough St,

Bristol

BS1 3NU

United Kingdom

Email: procurementtransformation@nbt.nhs.uk

Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

Contract 3. Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Lot 7

Contracting authority

NHS England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Rd

London

SE1 8UG

United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Region: UKI45 - Lambeth

Organisation type: Public authority - central government