

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/052347-2025>

Contract

## **DHSC: Pilot Testing for School Food Standards**

Department of Health & Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-052347

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05902a

Published 29 August 2025, 11:13am

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department of Health & Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

#### **Contact**

Anila Kreku

#### **Email**

[anila.kreku@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:anila.kreku@dhsc.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

---

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

DHSC: Pilot Testing for School Food Standards

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) wishes to pilot updated School Food Standards in a sample of schools in England. This pilot seeks to understand whether the updated standards are feasible for caterers and schools to implement and to highlight any unintended consequences. The pilot will explore cost, acceptability and nutritional implications of introducing menus based on updated standards.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £134,185

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) wishes to pilot updated School Food Standards in a sample of schools in England. This pilot seeks to understand whether the updated standards are feasible for caterers and schools to implement and to highlight any unintended consequences. The pilot will explore cost, acceptability and nutritional implications of introducing menus based on updated standards.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

---

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The procedure used was CCS DPS Further Competition and it did not require a prior FTS.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

---

## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 August 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Verian Group UK Limited

4 Millbank, London

London

SW1P 3JA

Telephone

+44 2078961900

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

National registration number

13663077

Internet address

<https://www.kantarpublic.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £134,185

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>