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Contract

Orthoptics education and training pipelines

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C373068

Description

This contract is for strengthening education and training pipelines for Orthoptics, a small and vulnerable allied health profession facing challenges with clinical placement shortages and limited training routes.

The project will focus on creating bespoke training, identifying and overcoming barriers to simulated placements, and addressing gaps in educational capacity, particularly in rural and coastal areas, so that the orthoptic workforce can grow, upskill, and contribute fully to the priorities set out in the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan and other national strategies.

Contract 1. Orthoptics education and training pipelines

Supplier

- [British & Irish Orthoptics Society \(BIOS\)](#)

Contract value

- £99,500 excluding VAT
- £119,400 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

8 August 2025

Contract dates

- 11 August 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 7 months, 21 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services
- 80500000 - Training services

Key performance indicators

| Name | Description | Reporting frequency |
|------|---|---------------------|
| KPIs | <p>1. Monthly contract management meetings between the BIOS and NHS England WT&E to monitor progress. The appointed supplier's proposal (including timelines) will be used to measure progress (which will be reviewed by NHS England upon the submission of the appointed supplier's proposal).</p> <p>2. The satisfactory completion and submission of all interrelated deliverables by the end of the contract period.</p> | 1 months |

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

British & Irish Orthoptics Society (BIOS)

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Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

NHS England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government