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Contract

C0020125 - Provision of a taught MSc in Psychological Therapies in Primary Care, to meet the psychology workforce needs of the NHS in Scotland

NHS Education for Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04fac8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Education for Scotland

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Telephone

+44 1316563200

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

C0020125 - Provision of a taught MSc in Psychological Therapies in Primary Care, to meet the psychology workforce needs of the NHS in Scotland

Reference number

C002125

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In order to meet the needs of providing a high quality, evidence based applied psychology workforce in Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) is looking to appoint a Provider(s) to deliver;

A taught MSc in Psychological Therapies in Primary Care Programme

It is expected that the programme would commence in January 2026 and run until December 2026. This would be the “academic year” for this programme.

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: £2,760,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Commerical / Weighting: 35

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Contract Value based on maximum intake of trainees across life of contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

C002125

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Stirling

Stirling

Stirling

FK9 4LA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Dundee

Nethergate, Dundee

Dundee

DD1 4HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,760,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract will be delivered jointly by Stirling and Dundee universities.

Maximum contract value is estimated on maximum intake numbers over the life of the contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom