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Contract

## **PhD and MSc supervisor training for APHA colleagues**

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C29113

### **Description**

This is introductory supervisor training for all staff at APHA who are supervising a PhD or MSc student'. We used to arrange training via university of Surrey, but unfortunately, they could no longer provide training as have their own in-house training set up. We reached out to government campus, but they also can no longer provide training – and suggested we arrange via local procurement.

We have since approached various universities etc but had similar response to surrey university – most universities now have their own online training programmes set up/ or inbuilt via their own learning platforms (ie like our induction pathway).

We've finally found provider who can now offer this valuable training. This in-house programme is designed to support our supervisors to deliver a valuable experience for their PhD researchers and Masters students.

The programme will be built on the key elements of supervisor training and through completion of the course will evidence that supervisors have been appropriately trained. The programme will be customised for the APHA context of working in a highly translational space, where supervisors work closely with academic partners and PhD researchers are often staff members with critical roles.

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## **Contract 2. PhD and MSc supervisor training for APHA colleaguesPh**

### **Supplier**

- [Skillfluence](#)

### **Contract value**

- £23,900 excluding VAT
- £28,680 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

17 June 2025

### **Contract dates**

- 18 June 2025 to 30 October 2025

- 4 months, 13 days

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80532000 - Management training services

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - without competition

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## **Supplier**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### **ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY**

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government