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Tender

Accreditation of Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

NHS England

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Amending the length of the initial term of the agreement.

Scope

Reference

C403162

Description

NHS England seeks to commission accreditation services for the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism.

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training is the standardised and preferred training for health and social care staff. It has been specifically developed for this purpose and is co-produced and co-delivered by approved trainers with lived experience of learning disability and autism, who are fairly compensated for their contributions. The accreditation scheme will provide quality assurance for the delivery of this training.

The Oliver McGowan mandatory training is the Government's preferred training to support autism and learning disabilities within healthcare, resulting from lessons learnt from a series of systemic failing. The training is unique focusing on co-production and co-delivery with people with lived experience of learning disability and autism, reducing health inequalities, and improving patient experiences. The accreditation scheme will also ensure quality assurance around the training delivery.

This procurement aims to establish an accreditation scheme in response to statutory obligations under the Health and Care Act 2022. It represents a key priority aligned with legislative requirements introduced by the Act and the newly published Oliver McGowan Code of Practice.

The maximum contractual value funded by NHS England is £560,000 for the initial term and £240,000 contingency for the optional extended term, subject to need, budget availability and an agreed statement of work. Potential wider system benefits range from £0 to £4,800,000 for the initial term and between £0 and £2,960,000 for the optional extension. Bidders should note that there is no minimum commitment guaranteed through the contract.

NHS England does not expect to allocate the maximum budget.

Further details and tender documents can be downloaded from the following link:

https://atamis-1928--prospend.vf.force.com/apex/CS_ContractPage?filters=&page=1&Preview=Yes&searchStr=&SearchType=Projects&sortStr=Alphabetical&uid=a07Sr00000oMBLZIA4&sfdcIFrameOrigin=https%3A%2F%2Fatamis-1928.lightning.force.com

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 February 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years, 18 days

Description of possible extension:

There is an optional extension to 28/02/2031 subject to need, available budget and an agreed statement of work.

2 year optional extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Bidders must score a minimum score of 2 in technical evaluations.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 December 2025, 1:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 January 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To express interest and participate in the tender, please register and apply via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

Should Tenderers have any queries, or having problems using the portal, they should

contact Helpdesk at:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	60.00%
Price	Price	30.00%
Social Value	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days in arrears against a valid purchase order.

Description of risks to contract performance

There may be variation in the accreditation numbers and there is no guaranteed income through the contract. There may also be additional variation in the published number of accreditation providers.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

N/A

Contracting authority

NHS England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government