

Apprenticeship Training Providers


Contract Start:

3 April 2017

 5 years. **Extended to:**

2 April 2023

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Background

Since 2017 employers with a staff wages bill over £3 million p/a must contribute to the Apprenticeship levy. Employers can now use their levy funds to cover the costs of apprenticeship training, assessment and certification. Public sector organisations, including the NHS, need to comply with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 when selecting a provider/assessment organisation, as well as adhering to their own organisational internal procurement procedures.

Contract Benefits

The Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) provides contracting authorities with a compliant and potentially quick route to market to procure apprenticeship training provision. The DPS is not divided into lots, but structured so that potential providers can select which of the training categories and regions they wish to be considered for. This allows contracting authorities freedom to choose how they approach the market.

Benefits for contracting authorities include:

- The East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (the Hub) can provide a formal procurement service
- Shortened procurement time as the advertisement in OJEU and PQQ stage has already been undertaken
- The DPS encourages competition as local providers can apply to get on the DPS during its period of validity
- Procuring organisations can develop their own specification, utilising pre-developed templates, to meet their own requirements and formulate their award criteria more precisely
- Award of individual contracts can be quicker than other procedures with the minimum time limit for return of tenders being 10 days
- Training providers must meet minimum criteria to be awarded on the DPS to ensure only providers of high-quality apprenticeship delivery are eligible to take part in mini-competitions
- A full suite of mini competition templates is available to ease the competition process, and the Hub will provide help and support in running mini-competitions

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Scope of Services

Apprenticeship scheme categories:

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| Adult care (health and social care) | Healthcare support services |
| Advanced clinical practitioner | Healthcare support worker (clinical healthcare support) |
| AHP support | Hospitality and catering |
| AHP degree/masters | HR and recruitment |
| Business administration | Leadership and management |
| Childrens' and young people workforce | Management degree/masters |
| Customer services | Maternity and paediatric support |
| Dental nurses | Midwifery degree apprenticeships |
| Digital degree/masters | Network engineer (IT professionals) |
| Digital marketing | Nursing associate |
| Digital services (IT, data analysis) | Operating department practitioner |
| Education and training | Peri-operative support |
| English and maths functional skills | Pharmacy services |
| Events assistant | Procurement |
| Facilities management | Project management |
| Finance & accountancy | Registered nurse degree |
| Healthcare assistant practitioner | Service improvement |
| Healthcare science | Specialist, community and public health degree and masters |

Suppliers

As the qualified suppliers for each category can change, please contact the Hub for an up-to-date list.

NB: In order to comply with Skills Funding Agency guidelines, all providers of apprenticeship training must be listed on the SFA register (RoATP). Contracting authorities must undertake their own checks prior to awarding any contracts.

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