

Prison Education Dynamic Purchasing System Summer 2026 Update

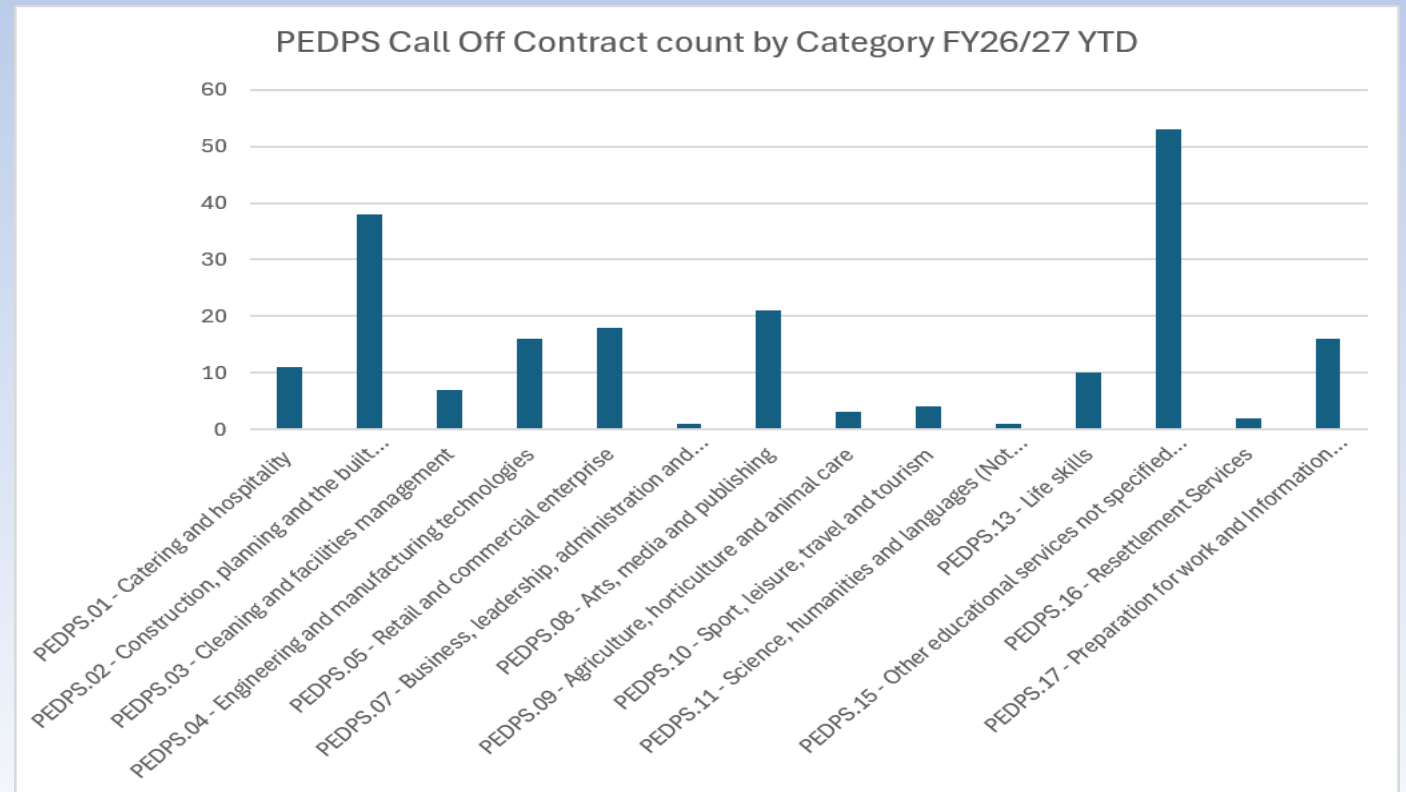
In this edition:

- Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Prison Education Dynamic Purchasing System (PEDPS) Newsletter.
- The newsletter provides an update on PEDPS activity in this Year (Year to Date)
- An update on education activities
- Direction to technical support
- How to provide feedback

So far in 2026:

The below graph shows the number of contracts by PEDPS category in 2026 (Year to Date). Total number of call off contracts awarded: 201

The category with the highest number of contracts: Other educational services (PEDPS.15) with 53 call off contracts – key themes include Literacy & Numeracy support and In Cell Learning and Career progression. Construction, planning and the built environment (PEDPS.02) is the 2nd place category with 38 call offs for CSCS; Traffic Management and Roofing. Arts, media and publishing (PEDPS.08) is the 3rd place category with 21 call off contracts including Music Courses and Drama Workshops.



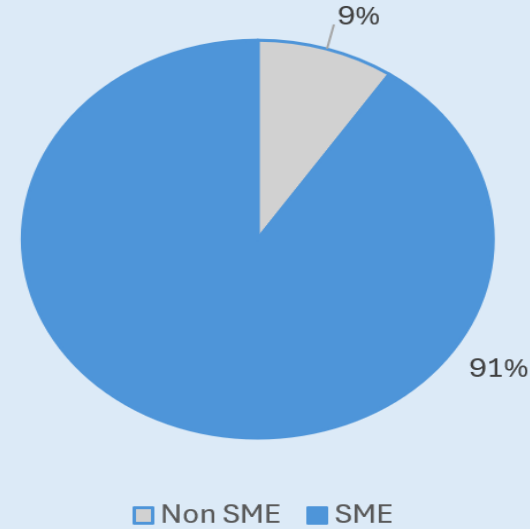
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Contracts overview continued:

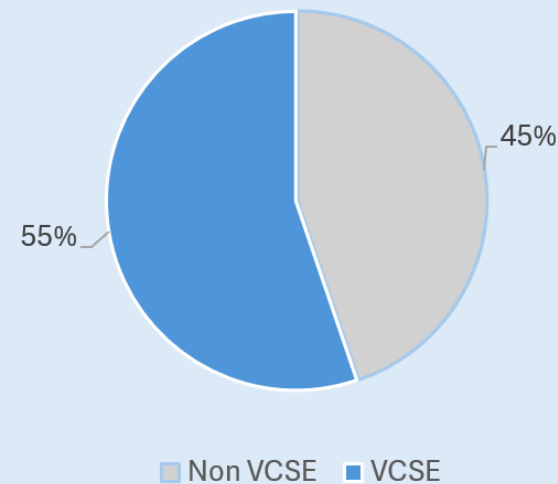
- SME's: 91% of call offs contracts
- VCSE's: 55% of call off contracts
- Suppliers Qualified onto PEDPS: 548
- Suppliers who qualified in 2026 (as of 8th July): 15

Activity YTD continued.....

Total number of call-off contracts placed with SMEs in 2026



Total number of call-off contracts placed with VCSEs



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- Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises
- The National Policy Statement
- VCSE definition
- Help us to help you
- Contact details for support

Is your organisation a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)?

The National Procurement Policy Statement (NPPS) sets the Government's strategic priorities for public procurement in support of the Government's missions. This includes driving economic growth and strengthening supply chains by giving small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs) a fair chance at public contracts.

VCSEs are defined under section 9 of the Procurement Regulations 2024 and Public Procurement Notice (PPN) 001 as 'a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives'.

It is very important that if your organisation is a VCSE as defined above, to ensure that your Jaggaer registration and your PQQ response confirm you are a VCSE, this is so we can ensure that our reports are accurate.

We currently have 181 suppliers who have not confirmed their Supplier status!

The Department must publish its VCSE spend data annually by the 30th of September. Having accurate Suppliers status will ensure the Department is able to meet its annual reporting requirement.

If you need guidance on how to update Jaggaer and your PQQ response, please e-mail us at commercial.prisoneducation@justice.gov.uk

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- What else has been happening in 2026?

Other Bits.....

So far this year we have qualified 15 new Suppliers & 7 qualified suppliers who have requested to be added to additional PEDPS categories which have been approved.

HMPPS are evolving the curriculum planning process to enable ITTs to be published earlier. Improvements in the oversight of locally held budgets mean that the majority of planned DPS 2026/27 funded activities have now reached Contract Award. However, there remain opportunities for innovation which are being explored with Prison Group Directors. Planning for DPS activities 2027/28 will conclude in early autumn.

We are hoping to undertake a Prison Education Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) Market Engagement event later this year.

Lot 10 West Midlands Prison Education Service Contract awarded

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- As always.....

Support and Feedback

If you have any Jaggaer technical queries, please reach out to our colleagues on the e-sourcing team: esourcing@justice.gov.uk

We appreciate your feedback, including where we've done well and suggestions where we can improve what we do. If you have any constructive suggestions or feedback, email us at commercial.prisoneducation@justice.gov.uk

Share Your successes with Us! We would be glad to hear about any of your success stories involving learners who have benefitted from your services delivered through the DPS call off contracts (anonymously of course). Please e-mail us at: commercial.prisoneducation@justice.gov.uk