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Last year £836m was spent through consortia agreements, saving £113m in the process.

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Consortia awarded contracts in 2013 to provide spend analysis capability to the membership.

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A joint contracting group, involving all UK consortia, meets regularly to implement a national contracting plan, maximising collaboration and minimising duplication.

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Collaboration between consortia is the norm – almost all agreements for the supply of goods are awarded at the national level.

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Our consortia offer outstanding value for money, with costs amounting to just 0.3p for every £1 of consortia spend. Savings outstrip total costs by a factor of 40:1.

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Key frameworks are regularly benchmarked against others in the public sector to verify their competitiveness.

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Since the publication of the Diamond Report, consortia have helped the sector attain over 20% of annual spend through collaborative procurement arrangements.

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Consortia were instrumental in actively encouraging over 90 English HEIs to undertake Procurement Maturity Assessments.

# The Top 20 Facts

## about England's Regional HE Purchasing Consortia

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All English consortia have completed Procurement Capability Assessments and scored well, gaining praise for their achievements with limited resources.

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All UK consortia operate to an agreed, unified protocol that governs the way collaborative procurement projects are run and managed.

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Our consortia have served as models for similar bodies overseas in Canada, southern Africa and Australia.

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Consortia have been proud to work together to procure, market and deliver training for the HE Procurement Academy (HEPA).

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Consortia agreements offer a fast and easy route to market – all are compliant with EU public contracts regulations

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Consortia share a single database (uniBuy, formerly GeM) for advertising contract information to members.

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Consortia framework agreements support the socio-economic and sustainability values of their members.

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Within their regions, consortia have helped HEIs to collaborate locally, using consortia agreements for joint contracts, delivering even greater efficiencies.

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Consortia share a single electronic system for recording and reporting contract spend activity.

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Around 80% of all consortia spend goes through shared supply agreements.

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Over 100 institutions are directly represented on the governing bodies of the regional purchasing consortia.

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HE consortia also actively collaborate with Government, NHS and other parts of the wider public sector.