

## NHS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS

<b>The Authority</b>	Operated by the Authority acting on behalf of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd whose registered office is at Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG
<b>The Supplier</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Framework Agreement Name</b>	Medical Examination Gloves and Surgical Gloves
<b>Awarded Lots</b>	
<b>Framework Agreement Number</b>	2021/S 000-007479

This Framework Agreement is made on the date set out above subject to the terms set out in the schedules and appendix listed below (“**Schedules**”). The Authority and the Supplier undertake to comply with the provisions of the Schedules in the performance of this Framework Agreement.

The Definitions in Schedule 4 apply to the use of all capitalised terms in this Framework Agreement.

### Schedules

<b>Schedule 1</b>	Key Provisions
<b>Schedule 2</b>	General Terms and Conditions
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<b>Schedule 6</b>	Commercial Schedule
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**Signed by the authorised representative of THE AUTHORITY**



Name:	.....	Signature:	.....
Position:	.....		

**Signed by the authorised representative of THE SUPPLIER**

Name:	.....	Signature	.....
Position:	.....		



## Schedule 1

### Key Provisions

#### Standard Key Provisions

#### **1 Application of the Key Provisions**

- 1.1 The standard Key Provisions at Clauses 1 to 7 of this Schedule 1 shall apply to this Framework Agreement.
- 1.2 The optional Key Provisions at Clauses 8 to 10 of this Schedule 1 shall only apply to this Framework Agreement where they have been checked and information completed as applicable.
- 1.3 Extra Key Provisions shall only apply to this Framework Agreement where such provisions are set out at the end of this Schedule 1.

#### **2 Term**

- 2.1 The Term of this Framework Agreement shall be **2** years from the Commencement Date and may be extended in accordance with Clause 15.2 of Schedule 2 provided that the duration of this Framework Agreement shall be no longer than **4** years in total.

#### **3 Contract Managers**

- 3.1 The Contract Managers at the commencement of this Framework Agreement are:
  - 3.1.1 for the Authority:  
Category Manager
  - 3.1.2 for the Supplier:

#### **4 Names and addresses for notices**

- 4.1 Notices served under this Framework Agreement are to be delivered to:
  - 4.1.1 for the Authority:  
Category Manager  
Don Valley House Savile Street East Sheffield S4 7UQ
  - 4.1.2 for the Supplier:



## 5 Management levels for escalation and dispute resolution

5.1 The management levels at which a Dispute will be dealt with are as follows:

Level	Authority representative	Supplier representative
1	Contract Manager	Contract Manager
2	Senior Category Manager	
3	National Category Manager	
4	Category Tower Director.	

## 6 Order of precedence

6.1 Subject always to Clause 1.10 of Schedule 4, should there be a conflict between any other parts of this Framework Agreement the order of priority for construction purposes shall be:

- 6.1.1 the provisions on the front page of this NHS Framework Agreement for the Supply of Goods;
- 6.1.2 Schedule 1: Key Provisions;
- 6.1.3 Schedule 5: Specification and Tender Response Document (but only in respect of the Authority's requirements);
- 6.1.4 Schedule 2: General Terms and Conditions;
- 6.1.5 Schedule 6: Commercial Schedule;
- 6.1.6 Schedule 3: Information Governance Provisions;
- 6.1.7 Schedule 4: Definitions and Interpretations;
- 6.1.8 the order in which all subsequent schedules, if any, appear; and
- 6.1.9 any other documentation forming part of the Framework Agreement in the date order in which such documentation was created with the more recent documentation taking precedence over older documentation to the extent only of any conflict.

6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Specification and Tender Response Document shall include, without limitation, the Authority's requirements in the form of its specification and other statements and requirements, the Supplier's responses, proposals and/or method statements to meet those requirements, and any clarifications to the Supplier's responses, proposals and/or method statements as included as part of Schedule 5.



Should there be a conflict between these parts of the Specification and Tender Response Document, the order of priority for construction purposes shall be (1) the Authority's requirements; (2) any clarification to the Supplier's responses, proposals and/or method statements, and (3) the Supplier's responses, proposals and/or method statements.

## 7 Participating Authorities

7.1 The following Contracting Authorities are entitled to place Orders:

Collaborative Procurement Partnership LLP (CPP LLP) acting on behalf of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd. Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) is a company Registered in England and Wales, with company number 10881715, Registered office address: Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG

For the avoidance of doubt, any successor bodies of any of the above entities shall be entitled to place Orders and shall be deemed Participating Authorities for the purposes of this Framework Agreement.

## 8 Quality assurance standards (only applicable to the Framework Agreement if this box is checked and the standards are listed)

8.1 The following quality assurance standards shall apply, as appropriate, to the manufacture, supply, and/or installation of goods:

- 8.1.1 Medical Devices Regulation 2017/745
- 8.1.2 EU MDD 93/42/EEC
- 8.1.3 UK MDR 2002
- 8.1.4 Personal Protective Equipment Directive (EU 2016/425)
- 8.1.5 EU PPE 89/686/EEC
- 8.1.6 UK PPE 2016

## 9 Different levels and/or types of insurance (only applicable to the Framework Agreement if this box is checked and the table sets out the requirements)

9.1 The Supplier shall put in place and maintain in force the following insurances with the following minimum cover per claim:

Type of insurance required	Minimum cover
Employer's liability insurance	£5 Million

Public liability insurance	£5 Million
Product liability insurance	£5 Million
Professional Indemnity	£5 Million

**10 Guarantee  (only applicable to the Framework Agreement if this box is checked)**

10.1 Promptly following the execution of this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall, if it has not already delivered an executed deed of guarantee to the Authority, deliver the executed deed of guarantee to the Authority as required by the procurement process followed by the Authority. Failure to comply with this Key Provision shall be an irremediable breach of this Framework Agreement.



**Schedule 2**

**General Terms and Conditions**

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## **1 Supplier's appointment**

- 1.1 The Authority appoints the Supplier as a potential supplier of the Goods and the Supplier shall be eligible to be considered for the award of Orders during the Term.
- 1.2 In consideration of the Authority agreeing to appoint the Supplier to this Framework Agreement in accordance with Clause 1.1 of this Schedule 2 and the mutual exchange of promises and obligations under this Framework Agreement, the Supplier undertakes to supply Goods under Orders placed with the Supplier:
  - 1.2.1 of the exact quality, type and as otherwise specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document;
  - 1.2.2 at the Contract Price calculated in accordance with the Commercial Schedule; and
  - 1.2.3 in such quantities, at such times and to such locations as may be specified in an Order.
- 1.3 The Supplier agrees that the Call-Off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods shall apply to all supplies of Goods made by the Supplier to a Participating Authority pursuant to this Framework Agreement. The Supplier agrees that it will not in its dealings with a Participating Authority seek to impose or rely on any other contractual terms which in any way vary or contradict the relevant Contract.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall comply fully with its obligations set out in this Framework Agreement, the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods and any other provisions of Contracts entered into under and in accordance with this Framework Agreement (to include, without limitation, the KPIs and all obligations in relation to the quality, performance characteristics, supply, delivery and installation and training in relation to use of the Goods).
- 1.5 If there are any quality, performance and/or safety related reports, notices, alerts or other communications issued by the Supplier or any regulatory or other body in relation to the Goods, the Supplier shall promptly provide the Authority with a copy of any such reports, notices, alerts or other communications.
- 1.6 Upon receipt of any such reports, notices, alerts or other communications pursuant to Clause 1.5 of this Schedule 2, the Authority shall be entitled to request further information from the Supplier and/or a meeting with the Supplier, and the Supplier shall cooperate fully with any such request.
- 1.7 In complying with its obligations under this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall, and shall procure that all Staff shall, act in accordance with the NHS values as set out in the NHS Constitution from time to time.

## **2 Authority commitments**

- 2.1 Unless otherwise set out in the Commercial Schedule, the Supplier acknowledges that:



- 2.1.1 there is no obligation on the Authority or on any other Participating Authority to purchase any Goods from the Supplier during the Term;
- 2.1.2 no undertaking or any form of statement, promise, representation or obligation has been made by the Authority and/or any other Participating Authority in respect of the total quantities or value of the Goods to be ordered by them pursuant to this Framework Agreement and the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this Framework Agreement on the basis of any such undertaking, statement, promise or representation;
- 2.1.3 in entering this Framework Agreement, no form of exclusivity has been granted by the Authority and/or other Participating Authority; and
- 2.1.4 the Authority and/or other Participating Authorities are at all times entitled to enter into other contracts and agreements with other suppliers for the provision of any or all goods which are the same as or similar to the Goods.

### **3 Ordering procedure**

- 3.1 Any Participating Authority may enter into Contracts by placing an Order in accordance with the Ordering Procedure.

### **4 Reasonable assistance**

- 4.1 Upon the written request of any Participating Authority, the Supplier shall provide such Participating Authority with any reasonable and proportionate information that it holds about the Goods it supplies under this Framework Agreement including, without limitation, the compatibility and interoperability of such Goods with other products, to enable the Participating Authority to complete any necessary due diligence before purchasing such Goods.

### **5 Supplier Performance and Lifescience Industry Accredited Credentialing Register**

- 5.1 The Supplier shall perform all Contracts entered into under this Framework Agreement by the Authority or any other Participating Authority in accordance with:
  - 5.1.1 the requirements of this Framework Agreement; and
  - 5.1.2 the provisions of the respective Contracts.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise confirmed by the Authority in writing, the Supplier shall ensure full compliance (to include with any implementation timelines) with any Guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Care and/or any requirements and/or Policies issued by the Authority (to include as may be set out as part of any procurement documents leading to the award of this Framework Agreement) in relation to the adoption of, and compliance with, any scheme or schemes to verify the credentials of Supplier representatives that visit NHS premises (to include use of the Lifescience Industry Accredited Credentialing Register). Once compliance with any notified implementation timelines has been achieved by the Supplier, the Supplier shall, during the Term, maintain the required level of compliance in accordance with any such Guidance, requirements and Policies.



## **6 Business continuity**

6.1 Throughout the Term, the Supplier will ensure its Business Continuity Plan provides for continuity during a Business Continuity Event. The Supplier confirms and agrees such Business Continuity Plan details and will continue to detail robust arrangements that are reasonable and proportionate to:

6.1.1 the criticality of this Framework Agreement to the Participating Authorities; and

6.1.2 the size and scope of the Supplier's business operations,

regarding continuity of the supply of Goods during and following a Business Continuity Event.

6.2 The Supplier shall test its Business Continuity Plan at reasonable intervals, and in any event no less than once every twelve (12) months or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties taking into account the criticality of this Framework Agreement to Participating Authorities and the size and scope of the Supplier's business operations. The Supplier shall promptly provide to the Authority, at the Authority's written request, copies of its Business Continuity Plan, reasonable and proportionate documentary evidence that the Supplier tests its Business Continuity Plan in accordance with the requirements of this Clause 6.2 of this Schedule 2 and reasonable and proportionate information regarding the outcome of such tests. The Supplier shall provide to the Authority a copy of any updated or revised Business Continuity Plan within fourteen (14) Business Days of any material update or revision to the Business Continuity Plan.

6.3 The Authority may suggest reasonable and proportionate amendments to the Supplier regarding the Business Continuity Plan at any time. Where the Supplier, acting reasonably, deems such suggestions made by the Authority to be relevant and appropriate, the Supplier will incorporate into the Business Continuity Plan all such suggestions made by the Authority in respect of such Business Continuity Plan. Should the Supplier not incorporate any suggestion made by the Authority into such Business Continuity Plan it will explain the reasons for not doing so to the Authority.

6.4 Should a Business Continuity Event occur at any time, the Supplier shall implement and comply with its Business Continuity Plan and provide regular written reports to the Authority on such implementation.

6.5 During and following a Business Continuity Event, the Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to continue to fulfil its obligations in accordance with this Framework Agreement.

## **7 The Authority's obligations**

7.1 The Authority shall provide reasonable cooperation to the Supplier and shall, as appropriate, provide copies of or give the Supplier access to such of the Policies that are relevant to the Supplier complying with its obligations under this Framework Agreement.

7.2 The Authority shall comply with the Authority's Obligations, if any.



## **8 Contract management**

- 8.1 Each Party shall appoint and retain a Contract Manager who shall be the primary point of contact for the other Party in relation to matters arising from this Framework Agreement. Should the Contract Manager be replaced, the Party replacing the Contract Manager shall promptly inform the other Party in writing of the name and contact details for the new Contract Manager. Any Contract Manager appointed shall be of sufficient seniority and experience to be able to make decisions on the day to day operation of the Framework Agreement. The Supplier confirms and agrees that it will be expected to work closely and cooperate fully with the Authority's Contract Manager.
- 8.2 Each Party shall ensure that its representatives (to include, without limitation, its Contract Manager) shall attend review meetings on a regular basis to review the performance of the Supplier under this Framework Agreement and to discuss matters arising generally under this Framework Agreement. Each Party shall ensure that those attending such meetings have the authority to make decisions regarding the day to day operation of the Framework Agreement. Review meetings shall take place at the frequency specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document. Should the Specification and Tender Response Document not state the frequency, then the first such meeting shall take place on a date to be agreed on or around the end of the first month after the Commencement Date. Subsequent meetings shall take place at quarterly intervals or as may otherwise be agreed in writing between the Parties.
- 8.3 Two weeks prior to each review meeting (or at such time and frequency as may be specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document) the Supplier shall provide a written contract management report to the Authority regarding the supply of the Goods and the operation of this Framework Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, such contract management report shall contain:
- 8.3.1 details of the performance of the Supplier under this Framework Agreement and any Contracts when assessed in accordance with the KPIs, as relevant to the Framework Agreement and any Contracts, since the last such performance report;
  - 8.3.2 details of any complaints by Participating Authorities in relation to the supply of Goods, their nature and the way in which the Supplier has responded to such complaints since the last review meeting written report;
  - 8.3.3 the information specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document as being relevant to the operation of this Framework Agreement;
  - 8.3.4 a status report in relation to the implementation of any current Remedial Proposals by either Party; and
  - 8.3.5 such other information as reasonably required by the Authority.
- 8.4 Unless specified otherwise in the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Authority shall take minutes of each review meeting and shall circulate draft minutes to the Supplier within a reasonable time following such review meeting. The Supplier shall inform the Authority in writing of any suggested amendments to the minutes within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the draft minutes. If the Supplier does not respond to the Authority within such five (5) Business Days the minutes will be deemed to be



approved. Where there are any differences in interpretation of the minutes, the Parties will use their reasonable endeavours to reach agreement. If agreement cannot be reached the matter shall be referred to, and resolved in accordance with, the dispute resolution process set out in Clause 5 of the Key Provisions and Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2.

- 8.5 The Supplier shall provide such management information as the Authority may request from time to time within seven (7) Business Days of the date of the request. The Supplier shall supply the management information to the Authority in such form as may be specified by the Authority and, where requested to do so, the Supplier shall also provide such management information to another Contracting Authority whose role it is to analyse such management information in accordance with UK government policy (to include, without limitation, for the purposes of analysing public sector expenditure and planning future procurement activities) (“**Third Party Body**”). The Supplier confirms and agrees that the Authority may itself provide the Third Party Body with management information relating to the Goods ordered and any payments made under this Framework Agreement or any Contracts and any other information relevant to the operation of this Framework Agreement.
- 8.6 Upon receipt of management information supplied by the Supplier to the Authority and/or the Third Party Body, or by the Authority to the Third Party Body, the Parties hereby consent to the Third Party Body and the Authority:
- 8.6.1 storing and analysing the management information and producing statistics; and
  - 8.6.2 sharing the management information or any statistics produced using the management information with any other Contracting Authority.
- 8.7 If the Third Party Body and/or the Authority shares the management information or any other information provided under Clause 8.6 of this Schedule 2, any Contracting Authority receiving the management information shall, where such management information is subject to obligations of confidence under this Framework Agreement and such management information is provided direct by the Authority to such Contracting Authority, be informed of the confidential nature of that information by the Authority and shall be requested by the Authority not to disclose it to any body that is not a Contracting Authority (unless required to do so by Law).
- 8.8 The Authority may make changes to the type of management information which the Supplier is required to supply and shall give the Supplier at least one (1) month’s written notice of any changes.

## **9 Price and payment**

- 9.1 The Contract Price for all Contracts shall be calculated as set out in the Commercial Schedule and the payment provisions for all Contracts shall be as set out in the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods.
- 9.2 Where any payments are to be made under this Framework Agreement by either Party in addition to any payments to be made by Participating Authorities under any Contracts, the details of such payments and the invoicing arrangements shall be set out in the Commercial Schedule.



- 9.3 Where the Authority is entitled to receive any sums (including, without limitation, any costs, charges or expenses) from the Supplier under this Framework Agreement, the Authority may invoice the Supplier for such sums. Such invoices shall be paid by the Supplier within 30 days of the date of such invoice.
- 9.4 If a Party fails to pay any undisputed sum properly due to the other Party under this Framework Agreement, the Party due such sum shall have the right to charge interest on the overdue amount at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.

## **10 Warranties**

10.1 The Supplier warrants and undertakes that:

- 10.1.1 it will comply with the terms of all Contracts entered into by Participating Authorities under this Framework Agreement;
- 10.1.2 it will fully and promptly respond to all requests for information and/or requests for answers to questions regarding this Framework Agreement, any Contracts, the Goods, any complaints and any Disputes at the frequency, in the timeframes and in the format as requested by the Authority from time to time (acting reasonably);
- 10.1.3 all information included within the Supplier's responses to any documents issued by the Authority as part of the procurement relating to the award of this Framework Agreement (to include, without limitation, as referred to in Specification and Tender Response Document and Commercial Schedule) and all accompanying materials is accurate;
- 10.1.4 it has and shall as relevant maintain all rights, consents, authorisations, licences and accreditations required to enter into and comply with its obligations under this Framework Agreement;
- 10.1.5 it has the right and authority to enter into this Framework Agreement and that it has the capability and capacity to fulfil its obligations under this Framework Agreement;
- 10.1.6 it is a properly constituted entity and it is fully empowered by the terms of its constitutional documents to enter into and to carry out its obligations under this Framework Agreement and the documents referred to in this Framework Agreement;
- 10.1.7 all necessary actions to authorise the execution of and performance of its obligations under this Framework Agreement have been taken before such execution;
- 10.1.8 there are no pending or threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency which would materially adversely affect the financial condition, business or operations of the Supplier;

- 10.1.9 there are no material agreements existing to which the Supplier is a party which prevent the Supplier from entering into or complying with this Framework Agreement;
- 10.1.10 it has and will continue to have the capacity, funding and cash flow to meet all its obligations under this Framework Agreement; and
- 10.1.11 it has satisfied itself as to the nature and extent of the risks assumed by it under this Framework Agreement and has gathered all information necessary to perform its obligations under this Framework Agreement and all other obligations assumed by it.
- 10.1.12 it shall: (i) comply with all relevant Law and Guidance and shall use Good Industry Practice to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains; and (ii) notify the Authority immediately if it becomes aware of any actual or suspected incidents of slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains;
- 10.1.13 it shall at all times conduct its business in a manner that is consistent with any anti-slavery Policy of the Authority and shall provide to the Authority any reports or other information that the Authority may request as evidence of the Supplier's compliance with this Clause 10.1.12 and/or as may be requested or otherwise required by the Authority in accordance with its anti-slavery Policy.
- 10.2 The Supplier warrants that all information, data and other records and documents required by the Authority as set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document shall be submitted to the Authority in the format and in accordance with any timescales set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document.
- 10.3 The Supplier warrants and undertakes to the Authority that it shall comply with any eProcurement Guidance as it may apply to the Supplier and shall carry out all reasonable acts required of the Supplier to enable the Authority to comply with such eProcurement Guidance.
- 10.4 The Supplier warrants and undertakes to the Authority that, as at the Commencement Date, it has notified the Authority in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation that it is involved in that is in connection with any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance. If, at any point during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier shall:
  - 10.4.1 notify the Authority in writing of such fact within five (5) Business Days of its occurrence; and
  - 10.4.2 promptly provide to the Authority:
    - (i) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and



- (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.

- 10.5 The Supplier further warrants and undertakes to the Authority that it will inform the Authority in writing immediately upon becoming aware that any of the warranties set out in Clause 10 of this Schedule 2 have been breached or there is a risk that any warranties may be breached.
- 10.6 Any warranties provided under this Framework Agreement are both independent and cumulative and may be enforced independently or collectively at the sole discretion of the enforcing Party.

## **11 Statutory compliance**

- 11.1 The Supplier shall comply with all Law and Guidance relevant to its obligations under this Framework Agreement and any Contracts.
- 11.2 Without limitation to Clause 11.1 of this Schedule 2, the Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining any statutory licences, authorisations, consents or permits required in connection with its performance of its obligations under this Framework Agreement and any Contracts.

## **12 Independence of Participating Authorities**

- 12.1 The Supplier acknowledges that each Participating Authority is independently responsible for the conduct of its award of Contracts under this Framework Agreement and that the Authority is not responsible or accountable for and shall have no liability whatsoever in relation to:
  - 12.1.1 the conduct of Participating Authorities other than the Authority in relation to the operation of this Framework Agreement; or
  - 12.1.2 the performance or non-performance of any Participating Authorities other than the Authority under any Contracts between the Supplier and such other Participating Authorities entered into under this Framework Agreement.

## **13 Limitation of liability**

- 13.1 Nothing in this Framework Agreement shall exclude or restrict the liability of either Party:
  - 13.1.1 for death or personal injury resulting from its negligence;
  - 13.1.2 for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
  - 13.1.3 in any other circumstances where liability may not be limited or excluded under any applicable law;
  - 13.1.4 to make any payments agreed in accordance with Clause 9.2 of this Schedule 2; or
  - 13.1.5 pursuant to 2.5 of Schedule 3.



- 13.2 Subject to Clause 13.1, 13.3 and 13.5 of this Schedule 2, the total liability of each Party to the other under or in connection with this Framework Agreement whether arising in contract, tort, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall be limited in aggregate to five hundred thousand GBP (£500,000).
- 13.3 There shall be no right to claim losses, damages and/or other costs and expenses under or in connection with this Framework Agreement whether arising in contract (to include, without limitation, under any relevant indemnity), tort, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise to the extent that any losses, damages and/or other costs and expenses claimed are in respect of loss of production, loss of business opportunity or are in respect of indirect loss of any nature suffered or alleged.
- 13.4 Each Party shall at all times take all reasonable steps to minimise and mitigate any loss for which that Party is entitled to bring a claim against the other pursuant to this Framework Agreement.
- 13.5 The liability of the Supplier and any Participating Authorities under any Contracts entered into pursuant to this Framework Agreement shall be as set out in the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods forming part of such Contracts.

## **14 Insurance**

- 14.1 Subject to Clauses 14.2 and 14.3 of this Schedule 2 and unless otherwise confirmed in writing by the Authority, as a minimum level of protection, the Supplier shall put in place and/or maintain in force at its own cost with a reputable commercial insurer, insurance arrangements in respect of employer's liability, public liability and product liability in accordance with Good Industry Practice with the minimum cover per claim of the greater of five million pounds (£5,000,000) or any sum as required by Law unless otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing. These requirements shall not apply to the extent that the Supplier is a member and maintains membership of each of the indemnity schemes run by the NHS Litigation Authority.
- 14.2 Without limitation to any insurance arrangements as required by Law, the Supplier shall put in place and/or maintain the different types and/or levels of indemnity arrangements explicitly required by the Authority, if specified in the Key Provisions.
- 14.3 Provided that the Supplier maintains all indemnity arrangements required by Law, the Supplier may self insure in order to meet other relevant requirements referred to at Clauses 14.1 and 14.2 of this Schedule 2 on condition that such self insurance arrangements offer the appropriate levels of protection and are approved by the Authority in writing prior to the Commencement Date.
- 14.4 The amount of any indemnity cover and/or self insurance arrangements shall not relieve the Supplier of any liabilities under this Framework Agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the Supplier to determine the amount of indemnity and/or self insurance cover that will be adequate to enable it to satisfy its potential liabilities under this Framework Agreement. Accordingly, the Supplier shall be liable to make good any deficiency if the proceeds of any indemnity cover and/or self insurance arrangement is insufficient to cover the settlement of any claim.
- 14.5 The Supplier warrants that it shall not take any action or fail to take any reasonable action or (in so far as it is reasonable and within its power) permit or allow others to take or fail to take any action, as a result of which its insurance cover may be rendered



void, voidable, unenforceable, or be suspended or impaired in whole or in part, or which may otherwise render any sum paid out under such insurances repayable in whole or in part.

- 14.6 The Supplier shall from time to time and in any event within five (5) Business Days of written demand provide documentary evidence to the Authority that insurance arrangements taken out by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 14 of this Schedule 2 and the Key Provisions are fully maintained and that any premiums on them and/or contributions in respect of them (if any) are fully paid.
- 14.7 Upon the expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall ensure that any ongoing liability it has or may have arising out of this Framework Agreement shall continue to be the subject of appropriate indemnity arrangements for the period of twenty one (21) years from termination or expiry of this Framework Agreement or until such earlier date as that liability may reasonably be considered to have ceased to exist.

## **15 Term and termination**

- 15.1 This Framework Agreement shall commence on the Commencement Date and, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Framework Agreement or the general law, shall continue until the end of the Term.
- 15.2 The Authority shall be entitled to extend the Term on one or more occasions by giving the Supplier written notice no less than three (3) months prior to the date on which this Framework Agreement would otherwise have expired, provided that the duration of this Framework Agreement shall be no longer than the total term specified in the Key Provisions.
- 15.3 In the case of a breach of any of the terms of this Framework Agreement by either Party that is capable of remedy (including any failure to pay sums due under this Framework Agreement), the non-breaching Party may, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under this Framework Agreement, issue a Breach Notice and shall allow the Party in breach the opportunity to remedy such breach in the first instance via a remedial proposal put forward by the Party in breach ("**Remedial Proposal**") before exercising any right to terminate this Framework Agreement in accordance with Clause 15.4(ii) of this Schedule 2. Such Remedial Proposal must be agreed with the non-breaching Party (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and must be implemented by the Party in breach in accordance with the timescales referred to in the agreed Remedial Proposal. Once agreed, any changes to a Remedial Proposal must be approved by the Parties in writing. Any failure by the Party in breach to:
- 15.3.1 put forward and agree a Remedial Proposal with the non-breaching Party in relation to the relevant default or breach within a period of ten (10) Business Days (or such other period as the non-breaching Party may agree in writing) from written notification of the relevant default or breach from the non-breaching Party;
  - 15.3.2 comply with such Remedial Proposal (including, without limitation, as to its timescales for implementation, which shall be thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed between the Parties); and/or



15.3.3 remedy the default or breach notwithstanding the implementation of such Remedial Proposal in accordance with the agreed timescales for implementation,

shall be deemed, for the purposes of Clause 15.4(ii) of this Schedule 2, a material breach of this Framework Agreement by the Party in breach not remedied in accordance with an agreed Remedial Proposal.

15.4 Either Party may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the other Party if such other Party commits a material breach of any of the terms of this Framework Agreement which is:

- (i) not capable of remedy; or
- (ii) in the case of a breach capable of remedy, which is not remedied in accordance with a Remedial Proposal.

15.5 The Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier if:

15.5.1 the Supplier, or any third party guaranteeing the obligations of the Supplier under this Framework Agreement, ceases or threatens to cease carrying on its business; suspends making payments on any of its debts or announces an intention to do so; is, or is deemed for the purposes of any Law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or insolvent; enters into or proposes any composition, assignment or arrangement with its creditors generally; takes any step or suffers any step to be taken in relation to its winding-up, dissolution, administration (whether out of court or otherwise) or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) otherwise than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation; has a liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, judicial custodian, compulsory manager, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or similar officer appointed (in each case, whether out of court or otherwise) in respect of it or any of its assets; has any security over any of its assets enforced; or any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction;

15.5.2 the Supplier undergoes a change of control within the meaning of sections 450 and 451 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (other than for an intra-group change of control) without the prior written consent of the Authority and the Authority shall be entitled to withhold such consent if, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, the proposed change of control will have a material impact on the performance of this Framework Agreement or the reputation of the Authority;

15.5.3 the Supplier purports to assign, Sub-contract, novate, create a trust in or otherwise transfer or dispose of this Framework Agreement in breach of Clause 28.1 of this Schedule 2;

15.5.4 pursuant to and in accordance with the Key Provisions and Clauses 15.6, 23.8; 25.2; 25.4 and 29.2 of this Schedule 2; or



- 15.5.5 the warranty given by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 10.4 of this Schedule 2 is materially untrue, the Supplier commits a material breach of its obligation to notify the Authority of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as required by Clause 10.4 of this Schedule 2, or the Supplier fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors as required by Clause 10.4 of this Schedule 2 that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority are acceptable.
- 15.6 If the Authority, acting reasonably, has good cause to believe that there has been a material deterioration in the financial circumstances of the Supplier and/or any third party guaranteeing the obligations of the Supplier under this Framework Agreement and/or any material Sub-contractor of the Supplier when compared to any information provided to and/or assessed by the Authority as part of any procurement process or other due diligence leading to the award of this Framework Agreement to the Supplier or the entering into a Sub-contract by the Supplier, the following process shall apply:
- 15.6.1 the Authority may (but shall not be obliged to) give notice to the Supplier requesting adequate financial or other security and/or assurances for due performance of its material obligations under this Framework Agreement on such reasonable and proportionate terms as the Authority may require within a reasonable time period as specified in such notice;
- 15.6.2 a failure or refusal by the Supplier to provide the financial or other security and/or assurances requested in accordance with Clause 15.6 of this Schedule 2 in accordance with any reasonable timescales specified in any such notice issued by the Authority shall be deemed a breach of this Framework Agreement by the Supplier and shall be referred to and resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure; and
- 15.6.3 a failure to resolve such breach in accordance with such Dispute Resolution Procedure by the end of the escalation stage of such process (as set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2) shall entitle, but shall not compel, the Authority to terminate this Framework Agreement in accordance with Clause 15.4(i) of this Schedule 2.

In order that the Authority may act reasonably in exercising its discretion in accordance with Clause 15.6 of this Schedule 2, the Supplier shall provide the Authority with such reasonable and proportionate up-to-date financial or other information relating to the Supplier or any relevant third party entity upon request.

- 15.7 The Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier where:
- 15.7.1 the Framework Agreement has been substantially amended to the extent that the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 require a new procurement procedure;
- 15.7.2 the Authority has become aware that the Supplier should have been excluded under Regulation 57(1) or (2) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 from the procurement procedure leading to the award of this Framework Agreement;
- 15.7.3 the Framework Agreement should not have been awarded to the Supplier in view of a serious infringement of obligations under European law declared

by the Court of Justice of the European Union under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU; or

- 15.7.4 there has been a failure by the Supplier and/or one its Sub-contractors to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law or that that the Supplier is in breach of its warranties under clauses 10.1.13 or 10.1.12 or the requirements of clause 26. Where the failure to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law is a failure by one of the Supplier's Sub-contractors, the Authority may request the replacement of such Sub-contractor and the Supplier shall comply with such request as an alternative to the Authority terminating this Framework Agreement under this Clause 15.7.4.
- 15.8 If the Authority novates this Framework Agreement to any body that is not a Contracting Authority, from the effective date of such novation, the rights of the Authority to terminate this Framework Agreement in accordance with Clause 15.5.1 to Clause 15.5.3 of this Schedule 2 shall be deemed mutual termination rights and the Supplier may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the entity assuming the position of the Authority if any of the circumstances referred to in such Clauses apply to the entity assuming the position of the Authority.
- 15.9 A breach of clauses 24.3 or 24.4 may, in the absolute discretion of the Authority, be considered a breach not capable of remedy. If the Authority considers that the breach is not capable of remedy the Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier.
- 15.10 The Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier in the event that there is:
- 15.10.1 A failure to achieve a minimum of a 70% score on the Modern Slavery Assessment and Labour Standards Assurance (or an equivalent score on any successor certification scheme) within 15 months of the Commencement Date; or
- 15.10.2 A failure to achieve a minimum of a 80% score on the Modern Slavery Assessment and Labour Standards Assurance (or an equivalent score on any successor certification scheme) within 27 months of the Commencement Date.

## **16 Consequences of expiry or early termination of this Framework Agreement**

- 16.1 Upon expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement, the Authority and the Supplier agree that all Contracts entered into under this Framework Agreement will continue in full force and effect unless otherwise terminated under the terms and conditions of such Contracts.
- 16.2 The Supplier shall cooperate fully with the Authority or, as the case may be, any replacement supplier during any re-procurement and handover period prior to and following the expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement. This



cooperation shall extend to providing access to all information relevant to the operation of this Framework Agreement, as reasonably required by the Authority to achieve a fair and transparent re-procurement and/or an effective transition without disruption to routine operational requirements. Any Personal Data Processed by the Supplier on behalf of the Authority shall be returned to the Authority or destroyed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Data Protection Protocol.

- 16.3 Save as provided under clause 16.5, the expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement for whatever reason shall not affect any rights or obligations of either Party which accrued prior to such expiry or earlier termination.
- 16.4 The expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement shall not affect any obligations which expressly or by implication are intended to come into or continue in force on or after such expiry or earlier termination.
- 16.5 In the event of a termination of the Framework Agreement under clauses 15.4(ii), 15.7.4, 15.9 or 15.10 resulting in a termination of unfulfilled Contracts (where Goods have not been supplied and accepted) by the Participating Authorities and entered into under this Framework Agreement such termination is without further liability for the Authority or any Participating Authorities.

## **17 Suspension of Supplier's appointment**

- 17.1 Without prejudice to the Authority's rights to terminate this Framework Agreement, if a right for the Authority to terminate this Framework Agreement arises (irrespective of whether the circumstances leading to such right are capable of remedy) in accordance with Clause 15 of this Schedule 2, the Authority may suspend the Supplier's appointment to receive new Orders under this Framework Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Supplier and all Participating Authorities. Such suspension may apply to:
  - 17.1.1 the entire appointment under the Framework Agreement;
  - 17.1.2 individual lots;
  - 17.1.3 to the supply of individual service lines, products or other items supplied under one or more lots; or
  - 17.1.4 the use of any Sub-Contractor in the provision of the Services (such suspension being without prejudice to the right to 15.7.4 to require the replacement of a Sub-Contractor).
- 17.2 If the Authority provides notice to the Supplier in accordance with Clause 17.1 of this Schedule 2, the Supplier's appointment shall be suspended for the period set out in the notice or such other period notified to the Supplier by the Authority in writing from time to time provided that such suspension shall be lifted where:
  - 17.2.1 the circumstances leading to the Authority's right to terminate this Framework Agreement have been remedied;
  - 17.2.2 the Authority has satisfied itself that the risk and/or impact of the circumstances giving rise to the Authority's right to terminate this Framework Agreement no longer requires such suspension; or



17.2.3 the Authority exercises its rights to terminate this Framework Agreement in accordance with Clause 15 of this Schedule 2.

## **18 Complaints**

- 18.1 The Supplier shall notify the Authority of any formal written complaints made by other Participating Authorities relating to the Supplier's noncompliance with any of its obligations under any Contract within two (2) Business Days of the Supplier becoming aware of such complaints.
- 18.2 Without prejudice to any rights and remedies that the Participating Authority may have under the relevant Contract and/or the Authority may have under this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall use its reasonable endeavours to resolve such complaint within ten (10) Business Days and in so doing, shall deal with the complaint fully, expeditiously and fairly.
- 18.3 Within two (2) Business Days of a written request by the Authority, the Supplier shall provide further reasonable details of the complaint to the Authority, including details of the steps being taken to progress its resolution and, following its resolution, details of how and when the complaint was resolved.

## **19 Sustainable development**

- 19.1 The Supplier shall comply in all material respects with applicable environmental and social Law requirements in force from time to time in relation to the Goods. Where the provisions of any such Law are implemented by the use of voluntary agreements, the Supplier shall comply with such agreements as if they were incorporated into English law subject to those voluntary agreements being cited in the Specification and Tender Response Document. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Supplier shall:
- 19.1.1 comply with all Policies and/or procedures and requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document in relation to any stated environmental and social requirements, characteristics and impacts of the Goods and the Supplier's supply chain;
  - 19.1.2 maintain relevant policy statements documenting the Supplier's significant social and environmental aspects as relevant to the Goods being supplied and as proportionate to the nature and scale of the Supplier's business operations; and
  - 19.1.3 maintain plans and procedures that support the commitments made as part of the Supplier's significant social and environmental policies, as referred to at Clause 19.1.2 of this Schedule 2.
- 19.2 The Supplier shall meet reasonable requests by the Authority for information evidencing the Supplier's compliance with the provisions of Clause 19 of this Schedule 2.



## **20 Electronic product information**

- 20.1 Where requested by the Authority, the Supplier shall provide the Authority the Product Information in such manner and upon such media as agreed between the Supplier and the Authority from time to time for the sole use by the Authority.
- 20.2 The Supplier warrants that the Product Information is complete and accurate as at the date upon which it is delivered to the Authority and that the Product Information shall not contain any data or statement which gives rise to any liability on the part of the Authority following publication of the same in accordance with Clause 20 of this Schedule 2.
- 20.3 If the Product Information ceases to be complete and accurate, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Authority in writing of any modification or addition to or any inaccuracy or omission in the Product Information.
- 20.4 The Supplier grants the Authority a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use and exploit the Product Information and any Intellectual Property Rights in the Product Information for the purpose of illustrating the range of goods and services (including, without limitation, the Goods) available pursuant to the Authority's contracts from time to time. Subject to Clause 20.5 of this Schedule 2, no obligation to illustrate or advertise the Product Information is imposed on the Authority, as a consequence of the licence conferred by this Clause 20.4 of this Schedule 2.
- 20.5 The Authority may reproduce for its sole use the Product Information provided by the Supplier in the Authority's product catalogue from time to time which may be made available on any NHS communications networks in electronic format and/or made available on the Authority's external website and/or made available on other digital media from time to time.
- 20.6 Before any publication of the Product Information (electronic or otherwise) is made by the Authority, the Authority will submit a copy of the relevant sections of the Authority's product catalogue to the Supplier for approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For the avoidance of doubt the Supplier shall have no right to compel the Authority to exhibit the Product Information in any product catalogue as a result of the approval given by it pursuant to this Clause 20.6 of this Schedule 2 or otherwise under the terms of this Framework Agreement.
- 20.7 If requested in writing by the Authority, and to the extent not already agreed as part of the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Supplier and the Authority shall discuss and seek to agree in good faith arrangements to use any Electronic Trading System.

## **21 Change management**

- 21.1 The Supplier acknowledges to the Authority that the requirements for the Goods may change during the Term and the Supplier shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent to any reasonable variation or addition to the Specification and Tender Response Document, as may be requested by the Authority from time to time.
- 21.2 Subject to Clause 21.3 of this Schedule 2, any change to the Goods or other variation to this Framework Agreement shall only be binding once it has been agreed in writing and signed by an authorised representative of both Parties.



21.3 Any change to the Data Protection Protocol shall be made in accordance with the relevant provisions of that protocol.

## **22 Dispute resolution**

22.1 During any Dispute, including a Dispute as to the validity of this Framework Agreement, it is agreed that the Supplier shall continue its performance of the provisions of the Framework Agreement (unless the Authority requests in writing that the Supplier does not do so).

22.2 In the case of a Dispute arising out of or in connection with this Framework Agreement the Supplier and the Authority shall make every reasonable effort to communicate and cooperate with each other with a view to resolving the Dispute and follow the procedure set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 as the first stage in the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

22.3 If any Dispute arises out of the Framework Agreement either Party may serve a notice on the other Party to commence formal resolution of the Dispute. The Parties shall first seek to resolve the Dispute by escalation in accordance with the management levels as set out in Clause 5 of the Key Provisions. Respective representatives at each level, as set out in Clause 5 of the Key Provisions, shall have five (5) Business Days at each level during which they will use their reasonable endeavours to resolve the Dispute before escalating the matter to the next level until all levels have been exhausted. Level 1 will commence on the date of service of the Dispute Notice. The final level of the escalation process shall be deemed exhausted on the expiry of five (5) Business Days following escalation to that level unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

22.4 If the procedure set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 above has been exhausted and fails to resolve such Dispute, as part of the Dispute Resolution Procedure, the Parties will attempt to settle it by mediation. The Parties shall, acting reasonably, attempt to agree upon a mediator. In the event that the Parties fail to agree a mediator within five (5) Business Days following the exhaustion of all levels of the escalation procedure at Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2, the mediator shall be nominated and confirmed by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London.

22.5 The mediation shall commence within twenty eight (28) days of the confirmation of the mediator in accordance with Clause 22.4 of this Schedule 2 or at such other time as may be agreed by the Parties in writing. Neither Party will terminate such mediation process until each Party has made its opening presentation and the mediator has met each Party separately for at least one hour or one Party has failed to participate in the mediation process. After this time, either Party may terminate the mediation process by notification to the other party (such notification may be verbal provided that it is followed up by written confirmation). The Authority and the Supplier will cooperate with any person appointed as mediator providing them with such information and other assistance as they shall require and will pay their costs, as they shall determine or in the absence of such determination such costs will be shared equally.

22.6 Nothing in this Framework Agreement shall prevent:

22.6.1 the Authority taking action in any court in relation to any death or personal injury arising or allegedly arising in connection with supply of the Goods; or



22.6.2 either Party seeking from any court any interim or provisional relief that may be necessary to protect the rights or property of that Party or that relates to the safety of patients or the security of Confidential Information, pending resolution of the relevant Dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

22.7 Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 shall survive the expiry of or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement for any reason.

## **23 Force majeure**

23.1 Subject to Clause 23.2 of this Schedule 2 neither Party shall be liable to the other for any failure to perform all or any of its obligations under this Framework Agreement nor liable to the other Party for any loss or damage arising out of the failure to perform its obligations to the extent only that such performance is rendered impossible by a Force Majeure Event.

23.2 The Supplier shall only be entitled to rely on a Force Majeure Event and the relief set out in Clause 23 of this Schedule 2 and will not be considered to be in default or liable for breach of any obligations under this Framework Agreement if:

23.2.1 the Supplier has fulfilled its obligations pursuant to Clause 6 of this Schedule 2;

23.2.2 the Force Majeure Event does not arise directly or indirectly as a result of any wilful or negligent act or default of the Supplier; and

23.2.3 the Supplier has complied with the procedural requirements set out in Clause 23 of this Schedule 2.

23.3 Where a Party is (or claims to be) affected by a Force Majeure Event it shall use reasonable endeavours to mitigate the consequences of such a Force Majeure Event upon the performance of its obligations under this Framework Agreement and to resume the performance of its obligations affected by the Force Majeure Event as soon as practicable.

23.4 Where the Force Majeure Event affects the Supplier's ability to perform part of its obligations under the Framework Agreement the Supplier shall fulfil all such contractual obligations that are not so affected and shall not be relieved from its liability to do so.

23.5 If either Party is prevented or delayed in the performance of its obligations under this Framework Agreement by a Force Majeure Event, that Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable serve notice in writing on the other Party specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to its failure to perform or any anticipated delay in performance of its obligations.

23.6 Subject to service of such notice, the Party affected by such circumstances shall have no liability for its failure to perform or for any delay in performance of its obligations affected by the Force Majeure Event only for so long as such circumstances continue and for such time after they cease as is necessary for that Party, using its best endeavours, to recommence its affected operations in order for it to perform its obligations.



- 23.7 The Party claiming relief shall notify the other in writing as soon as the consequences of the Force Majeure Event have ceased and of when performance of its affected obligations can be resumed.
- 23.8 If the Supplier is prevented from performance of its obligations as a result of a Force Majeure Event, the Authority may at any time, if the Force Majeure Event subsists for thirty (30) days or more, terminate this Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier.
- 23.9 Following such termination in accordance with Clause 23.8 of this Schedule 2 and subject to Clause 23.10 of this Schedule 2, neither Party shall have any liability to the other.
- 23.10 Any rights and liabilities of either Party which have accrued prior to such termination in accordance with Clause 23.8 of this Schedule 2 shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise specified in this Framework Agreement.

## **24 Records retention and right of audit**

- 24.1 Subject to any statutory requirement and Clause 24.2 of this Schedule 2, the Supplier shall keep secure and maintain for the Term and six (6) years afterwards, or such longer period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of all matters relating to this Framework Agreement.
- 24.2 Where any records could be relevant to a claim for personal injury such records shall be kept secure and maintained for a period of twenty one (21) years from the date of expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement.
- 24.3 The Authority shall have the right to audit the Supplier's compliance with this Framework Agreement. The Supplier shall permit or procure permission for the Authority or its authorised representative during normal business hours having given advance written notice of no less than five (5) Business Days, access to any person, premises and facilities, books and records reasonably required to audit the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under this Framework Agreement.
- 24.4 Should the Supplier Sub-contract any of its obligations under this Framework Agreement, the Authority shall have the right to audit and inspect such third party. The Supplier shall procure permission for the Authority or its authorised representative during normal business hours having given advance written notice of no less than five (5) Business Days, access to any person, premises and facilities, books and records used in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Framework Agreement that are Sub-contracted to such third party. The Supplier shall cooperate with such audit and inspection and accompany the Authority or its authorised representative if requested.
- 24.5 The Supplier shall grant to the Authority or its authorised representative, such access to those records as they may reasonably require in order to check the Supplier's compliance with this Framework Agreement for the purposes of:

24.5.1 the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts; or



- 24.5.2 any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economic efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.
- 24.6 The Comptroller and Auditor General may examine such documents as they may reasonably require which are owned, held or otherwise within the control of the Supplier and may require the Supplier to provide such oral and/or written explanations as they consider necessary. Clause 24 of this Schedule 2 does not constitute a requirement or agreement for the examination, certification or inspection of the accounts of the Supplier under sections 6(3)(d) and 6(5) of the National Audit Act 1983.
- 24.7 The Supplier shall provide reasonable cooperation to the Authority, its representatives and any regulatory body in relation to any audit, review, investigation or enquiry carried out in relation to the subject matter of this Framework Agreement.
- 24.8 The Supplier shall provide all reasonable information as may be reasonably requested by the Authority to evidence the Supplier's compliance with the requirements of this Framework Agreement.

## **25 Conflicts of interest and the prevention of fraud**

- 25.1 The Supplier shall take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Supplier nor any Staff are placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of this Framework Agreement. The Supplier will disclose to the Authority full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.
- 25.2 The Authority reserves the right to terminate this Framework Agreement immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of this Framework Agreement. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this Clause 25.2 of this Schedule 2 shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall subsequently accrue to the Authority.
- 25.3 The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to prevent Fraud by Staff and the Supplier (including its owners, members and directors). The Supplier shall notify the Authority immediately if it has reason to suspect that any Fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.
- 25.4 If the Supplier or its Staff commits Fraud the Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement and recover from the Supplier the amount of any direct loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination.

## **26 Equality and human rights**

- 26.1 The Supplier shall:
- 26.1.1 ensure that (a) it does not, whether as employer or as supplier of the Goods and any associated services, engage in any act or omission that would contravene the Equality Legislation, and (b) it complies with all its obligations

as an employer or supplier of the Goods and any associated services as set out in the Equality Legislation and take reasonable endeavours to ensure its Staff do not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning of the Equality Legislation;

26.1.2 in the management of its affairs and the development of its equality and diversity policies, cooperate with the Authority in light of the Authority's obligations to comply with its statutory equality duties whether under the Equality Act 2010 or otherwise. The Supplier shall take such reasonable and proportionate steps as the Authority considers appropriate to promote equality and diversity, including race equality, equality of opportunity for disabled people, gender equality, and equality relating to religion and belief, sexual orientation and age; and

26.1.3 the Supplier shall impose on all its Sub-contractors and suppliers, obligations substantially similar to those imposed on the Supplier by Clause 26 of this Schedule 2.

26.2 The Supplier shall meet reasonable requests by the Authority for information evidencing the Supplier's compliance with the provisions of Clause 26 of this Schedule 2.

## **27 Notice**

27.1 Subject to Clause 22.5 of this Schedule 2, any notice required to be given by either Party under this Framework Agreement shall be in writing quoting the date of the Framework Agreement and shall be delivered by hand or sent by prepaid first class recorded delivery or by email to the person referred to in the Key Provisions or such other person as one Party may inform the other Party in writing from time to time.

27.2 A notice shall be treated as having been received:

27.2.1 if delivered by hand within normal business hours when so delivered or, if delivered by hand outside normal business hours, at the next start of normal business hours; or

27.2.2 if sent by first class recorded delivery mail on a normal Business Day, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day subsequent to the day of posting, or, if the notice was not posted on a Business Day, at 9.00 am on the third Business Day subsequent to the day of posting; or

27.2.3 if sent by email, if sent within normal business hours when so sent or, if sent outside normal business hours, at the next start of normal business hours provided the sender has either received an electronic confirmation of delivery or has telephoned the recipient to inform the recipient that the email has been sent.

## **28 Assignment, novation and Sub-contracting**

28.1 The Supplier shall not assign, Sub-contract, novate, create a trust in, or in any other way dispose of the whole or any part of this Framework Agreement without the prior consent in writing of the Authority, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If the Supplier Sub-contracts any of its obligations under this Framework



Agreement, every act or omission of the Sub-contractor shall for the purposes of this Framework Agreement be deemed to be the act or omission of the Supplier and the Supplier shall be liable to the Authority as if such act or omission had been committed or omitted by the Supplier itself.

- 28.2 Any authority given by the Authority for the Supplier to Sub-contract any of its obligations under this Framework Agreement shall not impose any duty on the Authority to enquire as to the competency of any authorised Sub-contractor. The Supplier shall ensure that any authorised Sub-contractor has the appropriate capability and capacity to perform the relevant obligations and that the obligations carried out by such Sub-contractor are fully in accordance with this Framework Agreement.
- 28.3 Where the Authority considers that the grounds for exclusion under Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply to any Sub-contractor, then:
- 28.3.1 if the Authority finds there are compulsory grounds for exclusion, the Supplier shall ensure, or shall procure, that such Sub-contractor is replaced or not appointed; or
- 28.3.2 if the Authority finds there are non-compulsory grounds for exclusion, the Authority may require the Supplier to ensure, or to procure, that such Sub-contractor is replaced or not appointed and the Supplier shall comply with such a requirement.
- 28.4 The Authority shall upon written request have the right to review any Sub-contract entered into by the Supplier in respect of the provision of the Goods and the Supplier shall provide a certified copy of any Sub-contract within five (5) Business Days of the date of a written request from the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall have the right to redact any confidential pricing information in relation to such copies of Sub-contracts.
- 28.5 The Authority may at any time transfer, assign, novate, sub-contract or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under this Framework Agreement or any part of this Framework Agreement and the Supplier warrants that it will carry out all such reasonable further acts required to effect such transfer, assignment, novation, sub-contracting or disposal. If the Authority novates this Framework Agreement to any body that is not a Contracting Authority, from the effective date of such novation, the party assuming the position of the Authority shall not further transfer, assign, novate, sub-contract or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under this Framework Agreement or any part of this Framework Agreement without the prior written consent of the Supplier, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Supplier.

## **29 Prohibited Acts**

- 29.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:
- 29.1.1 it has not committed any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or done any of the following ("**Prohibited Acts**"):
- (i) offered, given or agreed to give any officer or employee of the Authority any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing or for having done or not having done



any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of this or any other agreement with the Authority or for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this or any other agreement with the Authority; or

- (ii) in connection with this Framework Agreement paid or agreed to pay any commission other than a payment, particulars of which (including the terms and conditions of the agreement for its payment) have been disclosed in writing to the Authority; and

29.1.2 it has in place adequate procedures to prevent bribery and corruption, as contemplated by section 7 of the Bribery Act 2010.

29.2 If the Supplier or its Staff (or anyone acting on its or their behalf) has done or does any of the Prohibited Acts or has committed or commits any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 with or without the knowledge of the Supplier in relation to this or any other agreement with the Authority:

29.2.1 the Authority shall be entitled:

- (i) to terminate this Framework Agreement and recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from the termination;
- (ii) to recover from the Supplier the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission concerned; and
- (iii) to recover from the Supplier any other loss or expense sustained in consequence of the carrying out of the Prohibited Act or the commission of the offence under the Bribery Act 2010;

29.2.2 any termination under Clause 29.2.1 of this Schedule 2 shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy that has already accrued, or subsequently accrues, to the Authority; and

29.2.3 notwithstanding Clause 22 of this Schedule 2, any Dispute relating to:

- (i) the interpretation of Clause 29 of this Schedule 2; or
- (ii) the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission,

shall be determined by the Authority, acting reasonably, and the decision shall be final and conclusive.

## **30 General**

30.1 Each of the Parties is independent of the other and nothing contained in this Framework Agreement shall be construed to imply that there is any relationship between the Parties of partnership or of principal/agent or of employer/employee nor are the Parties hereby engaging in a joint venture and accordingly neither of the Parties shall have any right or authority to act on behalf of the other nor to bind the other by agreement or otherwise, unless expressly permitted by the terms of this Framework Agreement.

- 30.2 Failure or delay by either Party to exercise an option or right conferred by this Framework Agreement shall not of itself constitute a waiver of such option or right.
- 30.3 The delay or failure by either Party to insist upon the strict performance of any provision, term or condition of this Framework Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon such breach shall not constitute a waiver of any such breach or any subsequent breach of such provision, term or condition.
- 30.4 Any provision of this Framework Agreement which is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating or rendering unenforceable the remaining provisions of this Framework Agreement and any such invalidity or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction.
- 30.5 Each Party acknowledges and agrees that it has not relied on any representation, warranty or undertaking (whether written or oral) in relation to the subject matter of this Framework Agreement and therefore irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have to claim damages against the other Party for any misrepresentation or undertaking (whether made carelessly or not) or for breach of any warranty unless the representation, undertaking or warranty relied upon is set out in this Framework Agreement or unless such representation, undertaking or warranty was made fraudulently.
- 30.6 Each Party shall bear its own expenses in relation to the preparation and execution of this Framework Agreement including all costs, legal fees and other expenses so incurred.
- 30.7 The rights and remedies provided in this Framework Agreement are independent, cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by general law, any rights or remedies provided elsewhere under this Framework Agreement or by any other contract or document. In this Clause 30.7 of this Schedule 2, right includes any power, privilege, remedy, or proprietary or security interest.
- 30.8 A person who is not a party to this Framework Agreement shall have no right to enforce any terms of it which confer a benefit on such person. No such person shall be entitled to object to or be required to consent to any amendment to the provisions of this Framework Agreement.
- 30.9 This Framework Agreement, any variation in writing signed by an authorised representative of each Party and any document referred to (explicitly or by implication) in this Framework Agreement or any variation to this Framework Agreement, contain the entire understanding between the Supplier and the Authority relating to the operation of this Framework Agreement to the exclusion of all previous agreements, confirmations and understandings and there are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations whether oral or written, express or implied other than those contained or referred to in this Framework Agreement. Nothing in this Framework Agreement seeks to exclude either Party's liability for Fraud. Any tender conditions and/or disclaimers set out in the Authority's procurement documentation leading to the award of this Framework Agreement shall form part of this Framework Agreement.



- 30.10 This Framework Agreement, and any Dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter (including any non-contractual claims), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.
- 30.11 Subject to Clause 22 of this Schedule 2, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any Dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Framework Agreement or its subject matter.
- 30.12 All written and oral communications and all written material referred to under this Framework Agreement shall be in English.



### Schedule 3

#### Information and Data Provisions

#### 1 Confidentiality

- 1.1 In respect of any Confidential Information it may receive directly or indirectly from the other Party (“**Discloser**”) and subject always to the remainder of Clause 1 of this Schedule 3, each Party (“**Recipient**”) undertakes to keep secret and strictly confidential and shall not disclose any such Confidential Information to any third party without the Discloser’s prior written consent provided that:
- 1.1.1 the Recipient shall not be prevented from using any general knowledge, experience or skills which were in its possession prior to the Commencement Date;
- 1.1.2 the provisions of Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 shall not apply to any Confidential Information:
- (i) which is in or enters the public domain other than by breach of this Framework Agreement or other act or omissions of the Recipient;
  - (ii) which is obtained from a third party who is lawfully authorised to disclose such information without any obligation of confidentiality;
  - (iii) which is authorised for disclosure by the prior written consent of the Discloser;
  - (iv) which the Recipient can demonstrate was in its possession without any obligation of confidentiality prior to receipt of the Confidential Information from the Discloser; or
  - (v) which the Recipient is required to disclose purely to the extent to comply with the requirements of any relevant stock exchange.
- 1.2 Nothing in Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 shall prevent the Recipient from disclosing Confidential Information where it is required to do so by judicial, administrative, governmental or regulatory process in connection with any action, suit, proceedings or claim or otherwise by applicable Law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”), Codes of Practice on Access to Government Information, on the Discharge of Public Authorities’ Functions or on the Management of Records (“**Codes of Practice**”) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (“**Environmental Regulations**”).
- 1.3 The Authority may disclose the Supplier’s Confidential Information:
- 1.3.1 on a confidential basis, to any Contracting Authority (the Parties agree that all Contracting Authorities receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other Contracting Authorities on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any Contracting Authority);



- 1.3.2 on a confidential basis, to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Authority and/or the Contracting Authority receiving such information;
- 1.3.3 to any relevant party for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts;
- 1.3.4 to any relevant party for any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources;
- 1.3.5 to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirements; or
- 1.3.6 on a confidential basis, to a proposed successor body in connection with any proposed or actual, assignment, novation or other disposal of rights, obligations, liabilities or property in connection with this Framework Agreement;

and for the purposes of this Framework Agreement, references to disclosure "on a confidential basis" shall mean the Authority making clear the confidential nature of such information and that it must not be further disclosed except in accordance with Law or this Clause 1.3 of this Schedule 3.

- 1.4 The Supplier may only disclose the Authority's Confidential Information, and any other information provided to the Supplier by the Authority in relation to the operation of this Framework Agreement, to the Supplier's Staff or professional advisors who are directly involved in the performance of or advising on the Supplier's obligations under this Framework Agreement. The Supplier shall ensure that such Staff or professional advisors are aware of and shall comply with the obligations in Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 as to confidentiality and that all information, including Confidential Information, is held securely, protected against unauthorised use or loss and, at the Authority's written discretion, destroyed securely or returned to the Authority when it is no longer required. The Supplier shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff do not, use any of the Authority's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of performing the Supplier's obligations in this Framework Agreement.
- 1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, save as required by Law or as otherwise set out in this Schedule 3, the Supplier shall not, without the prior written consent of the Authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), announce that it has entered into this Framework Agreement and/or that it has been appointed as a Supplier to the Authority and/or make any other announcements about this Framework Agreement.
- 1.6 Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 shall remain in force:
  - 1.6.1 without limit in time in respect of Confidential Information which comprises Personal Data or which relates to national security; and
  - 1.6.2 for all other Confidential Information for a period of three (3) years after the expiry or earlier termination of this Framework Agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.



## **2**     **Data protection**

- 2.1     The Parties acknowledge their respective duties under Data Protection Legislation and shall give each other all reasonable assistance as appropriate or necessary to enable each other to comply with those duties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall take reasonable steps to ensure it is familiar with the Data Protection Legislation and any obligations it may have under such Data Protection Legislation and shall comply with such obligations.
- 2.2     Where the Supplier is Processing Personal Data under or in connection with this Framework Agreement, the Parties shall comply with the Data Protection Protocol.
- 2.3     The Supplier and the Authority shall ensure that Personal Data is safeguarded at all times in accordance with the Law, and this obligation will include (if transferred electronically) only transferring Personal Data (a) if essential, having regard to the purpose for which the transfer is conducted; and (b) that is encrypted in accordance with any international data encryption standards for healthcare, and as otherwise required by those standards applicable to the Authority under any Law and Guidance (this includes, data transferred over wireless or wired networks, held on laptops, CDs, memory sticks and tapes).
- 2.4     Where any Personal Data is Processed by any Sub-contractor of the Supplier in connection with this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall procure that such Sub-contractor shall comply with the relevant obligations set out in Clause 2 of this Schedule 3, as if such Sub-contractor were the Supplier.
- 2.5     The Supplier shall indemnify and keep the Authority indemnified against, any loss, damages, costs, expenses (including without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings whatsoever or howsoever arising from the Supplier's unlawful or unauthorised Processing, destruction and/or damage to Personal Data in connection with this Framework Agreement.

## **3**     **Freedom of Information and Transparency**

- 3.1     The Parties acknowledge the duties of Contracting Authorities under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and shall give each other all reasonable assistance as appropriate or necessary to enable compliance with those duties.
- 3.2     The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable it to comply with its disclosure obligations under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations. The Supplier agrees:
- 3.2.1     that this Framework Agreement and any recorded information held by the Supplier on the Authority's behalf for the purposes of this Framework Agreement are subject to the obligations and commitments of the Authority under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations;
- 3.2.2     that the decision on whether any exemption to the general obligations of public access to information applies to any request for information received under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations is a decision solely for the Authority;



- 3.2.3 that where the Supplier receives a request for information under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and the Supplier itself is subject to the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations it will liaise with the Authority as to the contents of any response before a response to a request is issued and will promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days) provide a copy of the request and any response to the Authority;
- 3.2.4 that where the Supplier receives a request for information under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and the Supplier is not itself subject to the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations, it will not respond to that request (unless directed to do so by the Authority) and will promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days) transfer the request to the Authority;
- 3.2.5 that the Authority, acting in accordance with the Codes of Practice issued and revised from time to time under both section 45 of FOIA, and regulation 16 of the Environmental Regulations, may disclose information concerning the Supplier and this Framework Agreement; and
- 3.2.6 to assist the Authority in responding to a request for information, by processing information or environmental information (as the same are defined in FOIA and the Environmental Regulations) in accordance with a records management system that complies with all applicable records management recommendations and codes of conduct issued under section 46 of FOIA, and providing copies of all information requested by the Authority within five (5) Business Days of that request and without charge.
- 3.3 The Parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations, the content of this Framework Agreement is not Confidential Information.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding any other term of this Framework Agreement, the Supplier consents to the publication of this Framework Agreement in its entirety (including variations), subject only to the redaction of information that is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations.
- 3.5 In preparing a copy of this Framework Agreement for publication under Clause 3.4 of this Schedule 3, the Authority may consult with the Supplier to inform decision making regarding any redactions but the final decision in relation to the redaction of information will be at the Authority's absolute discretion.
- 3.6 The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish this Framework Agreement.
- 3.7 Where any information is held by any Sub-contractor of the Supplier in connection with this Framework Agreement, the Supplier shall procure that such Sub-contractor shall comply with the relevant obligations set out in Clause 3 of this Schedule 3, as if such Sub-contractor were the Supplier.



**4** **Information Security**

4.1 Without limitation to any other information governance requirements set out in this Schedule 3, the Supplier shall:

- 4.1.1 notify the Authority forthwith of any information security breaches or near misses (including without limitation any potential or actual breaches of confidentiality or actual information security breaches) in line with the Authority's information governance Policies; and
- 4.1.2 fully cooperate with any audits or investigations relating to information security and any privacy impact assessments undertaken by the Authority and shall provide full information as may be reasonably requested by the Authority in relation to such audits, investigations and assessments.



## Schedule 4

### Definitions and Interpretations

#### 1 Definitions

- 1.1 In this Framework Agreement the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise, other than in relation to the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods at Appendix A of this Framework Agreement. The definitions and Interpretations that apply to the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods are as set out at Appendix A of this Framework Agreement.

<b>“Authority”</b>	means the authority named on the form of Framework Agreement on the first page;
<b>“Authority’s Obligations”</b>	means the Authority’s further obligations, if any, referred to in the Specification and Tender Response Document;
<b>“Breach Notice”</b>	means a written notice of breach given by one Party to the other, notifying the Party receiving the notice of its breach of this Framework Agreement;
<b>“Business Continuity Event”</b>	means any event or issue that could impact on the operations of the Supplier and its ability to fulfil its obligations under this Framework Agreement including an influenza pandemic and any Force Majeure Event;
<b>“Business Continuity Plan”</b>	means the Supplier’s business continuity plan which includes its plans for continuity of the supply of the Goods during a Business Continuity Event;
<b>“Business Day”</b>	means any day other than Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a statutory bank holiday in England and Wales;
<b>“Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods”</b>	means the call-off terms and conditions for Contracts as set out at Appendix A of this Framework Agreement forming part of the Contracts placed under this Framework Agreement;
<b>“Codes of Practice”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3;
<b>“Commencement Date”</b>	means 01 January 2022;
<b>“Commercial Schedule”</b>	means the document set out at Schedule 6;



<p><b>“Confidential Information”</b></p>	<p>means information, data and material of any nature, which either Party may receive or obtain in connection with the conclusion and/or operation of the Framework Agreement including any procurement process which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Personal Data including without limitation which relates to any patient or other service user or his or her treatment or clinical or care history;</li> <li>(b) designated as confidential by either party or that ought reasonably to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored); and/or</li> <li>(c) Policies and such other documents which the Supplier may obtain or have access to through the Authority’s intranet;</li> </ul>
<p><b>“Contract”</b></p>	<p>means any contract entered into under this Framework Agreement with the Supplier by any Participating Authority as further defined in the Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods;</p>
<p><b>“Contracting Authority”</b></p>	<p>means any contracting authority as defined in Regulation 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) (as amended), other than the Authority;</p>
<p><b>“Contract Manager”</b></p>	<p>means for the Authority and for the Supplier the individuals specified in the Key Provisions or such other person notified by a Party to the other Party from time to time in accordance with Clause 8.1 of Schedule 2;</p>
<p><b>“Contract Price”</b></p>	<p>means the price exclusive of VAT that is payable to the Supplier by a Participating Authority under any Contract for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under such Contracts (as calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Schedule) and as confirmed in the relevant Order Form relating to the particular Contract;</p>
<p><b>“Controller”</b></p>	<p>shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;</p>
<p><b>“Data Protection Legislation”</b></p>	<p>means (i) the Data Protection Act 1998 or, from the date it comes into force, the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (ii) the GDPR, the Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680) and any applicable national implementing Law as amended from time to time; and (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;</p>
<p><b>“Data Protection Protocol”</b></p>	<p>means any document of that name as provided to the Supplier by the Authority (as amended from time to time in accordance with its terms), which shall include, without limitation, any such document appended to Schedule 3 (Information and Data Provisions) of this Framework Agreement;</p>



<b>“Dispute(s)”</b>	means any dispute, difference or question of interpretation or construction arising out of or in connection with this Framework Agreement, any matters of contractual construction and interpretation relating to the Framework Agreement, or any matter where this Framework Agreement directs the Parties to resolve an issue by reference to the Dispute Resolution Procedure;
<b>“Dispute Notice”</b>	means a written notice served by one Party to the other stating that the Party serving the notice believes there is a Dispute;
<b>“Dispute Resolution Procedure”</b>	means the process for resolving Disputes as set out in Clause 22 of Schedule 2;
<b>“DOTAS”</b>	means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue and Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992;
<b>“Electronic Trading System(s)”</b>	means such electronic data interchange system and/or world wide web application and/or other application with such message standards and protocols as the Authority may specify from time to time;
<b>“Environmental Regulations”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3;
<b>“eProcurement Guidance”</b>	means the NHS eProcurement Strategy available via: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-procurement">http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-procurement</a> together with any further Guidance issued by the Department of Health in connection with it;
<b>“Equality Legislation”</b>	means any and all legislation, applicable guidance and statutory codes of practice relating to equality, diversity, non-discrimination and human rights as may be in force in England and Wales from time to time including, but not limited to, the Equality Act 2010, the Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 and the Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2034) and the Human Rights Act 1998;
<b>“FOIA”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3;

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<p><b>“Force Majeure Event”</b></p>	<p>means any event beyond the reasonable control of the Party in question to include, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) war including civil war (whether declared or undeclared), riot, civil commotion or armed conflict materially affecting either Party’s ability to perform its obligations under this Framework Agreement;</li> <li>(b) acts of terrorism;</li> <li>(c) flood, storm or other natural disasters;</li> <li>(d) fire;</li> <li>(e) unavailability of public utilities and/or access to transport networks to the extent no diligent supplier could reasonably have planned for such unavailability as part of its business continuity planning;</li> <li>(f) government requisition or impoundment to the extent such requisition or impoundment does not result from any failure by the Supplier to comply with any relevant regulations, laws or procedures (including such laws or regulations relating to the payment of any duties or taxes) and subject to the Supplier having used all reasonable legal means to resist such requisition or impoundment;</li> <li>(g) compliance with any local law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction applicable outside of England and Wales that could not have been reasonably foreseen;</li> <li>(h) industrial action which affects the ability of the Supplier to supply the Goods, but which is not confined to the workforce of the Supplier or the workforce of any Sub-contractor of the Supplier; and</li> <li>(i) a failure in the Supplier’s and/or Authority’s supply chain to the extent that such failure is due to any event suffered by a member of such supply chain, which would also qualify as a Force Majeure Event in accordance with this definition had it been suffered by one of the Parties;</li> </ul> <p>but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and any related circumstances, events, changes or requirements;</p>
<p><b>“Framework Agreement”</b></p>	<p>means the form of framework agreement at the front of this document and all schedules and appendices attached to the form of framework agreement;</p>
<p><b>“Fraud”</b></p>	<p>means any offence under any law in respect of fraud in relation to this Framework Agreement or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the government, parliament or any Contracting Authority;</p>



<b>GDPR</b>	means the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
<b>“General Anti-Abuse Rule”</b>	means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions;
<b>“Good Industry Practice”</b>	means the exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, prudence, risk management, quality management and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced supplier engaged in the manufacture and/or supply of goods similar to the Goods under the same or similar circumstances as those applicable to this Framework Agreement, including in accordance with any codes of practice published by relevant trade associations;
<b>“Goods”</b>	means all goods, materials or items that the Supplier is required to supply to Participating Authorities under Contracts placed under this Framework Agreement, details of such Goods, materials or other items being set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document and any Order;
<b>“Guidance”</b>	means any applicable guidance, direction or determination and any policies, advice or industry alerts which apply to the Goods, to the extent that the same are published and publicly available or the existence or contents of them have been notified to the Supplier by the Authority and/or have been published and/or notified to the Supplier by the Department of Health, Monitor, NHS England, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, the European Medicine Agency the European Commission, the Care Quality Commission and/or any other regulator or competent body;
<b>“Halifax Abuse Principle”</b>	means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
<b>“Intellectual Property Rights”</b>	means all patents, copyright, design rights, registered designs, trademarks, know-how, database rights, confidential formulae and any other intellectual property rights and the rights to apply for patents and trademarks and registered designs;
<b>“Key Provisions”</b>	means the key provisions set out in Schedule 1;
<b>“KPI”</b>	means the key performance indicators as set out in Schedule 5;
<b>“Law”</b>	means any applicable legal requirements including, without limitation,;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any applicable statute or proclamation, delegated or subordinate legislation, bye-law, order, regulation or instrument as applicable in England and Wales;</li> <li>(b) any applicable European Union obligation, directive, regulation, decision, law or right (including any such obligations, directives, regulations, decisions, laws or rights that are incorporated into the law of England and Wales or given effect in England and Wales by any applicable statute, proclamation, delegated or subordinate legislation, bye-law, order, regulation or instrument);</li> <li>(c) any enforceable community right within the meaning of section 2(1) European Communities Act 1972;</li> <li>(d) any applicable judgment of a relevant court of law which is a binding precedent in England and Wales;</li> <li>(e) requirements set by any regulatory body as applicable in England and Wales;</li> <li>(f) any relevant code of practice as applicable in England and Wales; and</li> <li>(g) any relevant collective agreement and/or international law provisions (to include, without limitation, as referred to in (a) to (f) above);</li> </ul>
<p><b>“NHS”</b></p>	<p>means the National Health Service;</p>
<p><b>“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance”</b></p>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;</li> <li>(ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Effective Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion;</li> </ul>
<p><b>“Order Form”</b></p>	<p>means the template order form on which Orders are to be placed, as set out in 0;</p>



<b>“Ordering Procedure”</b>	means the procedure enabling Participating Authorities to call-off Goods and enter into Contracts under this Framework Agreement, as set out in 0;
<b>“Orders”</b>	means orders for Goods placed under this Framework Agreement by Participating Authorities;
<b>“Participating Authority”</b>	means a Contracting Authority entitled to place Orders under this Framework Agreement including the Authority and any other Contracting Authority as set out in the Key Provisions;
<b>“Party”</b>	means the Authority or the Supplier as appropriate and Parties means both the Authority and the Supplier;
<b>“Personal Data”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;
<b>“Policies”</b>	means the policies, rules and procedures of the Authority as notified to the Supplier from time to time;
<b>“Process”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR. Processing and Processed shall be construed accordingly;
<b>“Processor”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;
<b>“Product Information”</b>	means information concerning the Goods as may be reasonably requested by the Authority and supplied by the Supplier to the Authority in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 2 for inclusion in the Authority's product catalogue from time to time;
<b>“Prohibited Acts”</b>	has the meaning given under 29.1.1 of Schedule 2;
<b>“Relevant Tax Authority”</b>	means HM Revenue and Customs, or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
<b>“Remedial Proposal”</b>	has the meaning given under Clause 15.3 of Schedule 2;
<b>“Specification and Tender Response Document”</b>	means the document set out in Schedule 5 as amended and/or updated in accordance with this Framework Agreement;
<b>“Staff”</b>	means all persons employed or engaged by the Supplier to perform its obligations under this Framework Agreement including any Sub-contractors and person employed or engaged by such Sub-contractors;
<b>“Sub-contract”</b>	means a contract between two or more suppliers, at any stage of remoteness from the Supplier in a sub-contracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Framework Agreement;
<b>“Sub-contractor”</b>	means a party to a Sub-contract other than the Supplier;

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<b>“Supplier”</b>	means the supplier named on the form of Framework Agreement on the first page;
<b>“Supplier Code of Conduct”</b>	means the code of that name published by the Government Commercial Function originally dated September 2017, as may be amended, restated, updated, re-issued or re-named from time to time;
<b>“Term”</b>	means the term as set out in the Key Provisions;
<b>“Termination Notice”</b>	means a written notice of termination given by one Party to the other notifying the Party receiving the notice of the intention of the Party giving the notice to terminate this Framework Agreement on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
<b>“Third Party Body”</b>	has the meaning given under Clause 8.5 of Schedule 2; and
<b>“VAT”</b>	means value added tax chargeable under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 or any similar, replacement or extra tax.

- 1.2 References to any Law shall be deemed to include a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated, re-enacted, restated, implemented or transposed from time to time.
- 1.3 References to any legal entity shall include any body that takes over responsibility for the functions of such entity.
- 1.4 References in this Framework Agreement to a “Schedule”, “Appendix”, “Paragraph” or to a “Clause” are to schedules, appendices, paragraphs and clauses of this Framework Agreement.
- 1.5 References in this Framework Agreement to a day or to the calculation of time frames are references to a calendar day unless expressly specified as a Business Day.
- 1.6 Unless set out in the Commercial Schedule as a chargeable item and subject to Clause 30.6 of Schedule 2, the Supplier shall bear the cost of complying with its obligations under this Framework Agreement.
- 1.7 The headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Framework Agreement.
- 1.8 Words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.9 Where a term of this Framework Agreement provides for a list of one or more items following the word “including” or “includes” then such list is not to be interpreted as an exhaustive list. Any such list shall not be treated as excluding any item that might have been included in such list having regard to the context of the contractual term in question. General words are not to be given a restrictive meaning where they are followed by examples intended to be included within the general words.



- 1.10 Where there is a conflict between the Supplier's responses to the Authority's requirements (the Supplier's responses being set out in Schedule 5) and any other part of this Framework Agreement, such other part of this Framework Agreement shall prevail.
- 1.11 Where a document is required under this Framework Agreement, the Parties may agree in writing that this shall be in electronic format only.
- 1.12 Any guidance notes in grey text do not form part of this Framework Agreement.
- 1.13 Any Breach Notice issued by a Party in connection with this Framework Agreement shall not be invalid due to it containing insufficient information. A Party receiving a Breach Notice ("**Receiving Party**") may ask the Party that issued the Breach Notice ("**Issuing Party**") to provide any further information in relation to the subject matter of the Breach Notice that it may reasonably require to enable it to understand the Breach Notice and/or to remedy the breach. The Issuing Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the provision of such further information as referred to above as may be requested by the Receiving Party but no such withholding or delay shall invalidate the Breach Notice.
- 1.14 Any terms defined as part of a Schedule or other document forming part of this Framework Agreement shall have the meaning as defined in such Schedule or document.



**Schedule 5**

**Specification and Tender Response Document**

This is available via the e-Procurement Portal

**[INSERT SUPPLIER LINK]**



**Schedule 6**

**Commercial Schedule**

This is available via the e-Procurement Portal

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## Ordering Procedure, Award Criteria and Order Form

### Introduction

Call-offs from the framework are required to be undertaken in accordance with Regulation 33 of the Procurement Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) (Regulations). Call-offs need to be consistent with the terms of the call-off contract within the framework agreement attached to the ITT at Schedule A6.

### Participating Authorities purchase of good(s) under the framework agreement

1.1 If awarded to the framework, the supplier grants NHS Supply Chain the right to supply the supplier's awarded products to the Participating Authorities using the following methods.

#### 1.14.1 NHS Supply Chain Catalogue

NHS Supply Chain reserve the right to list supplier's awarded products onto the NHS Supply Chain catalogue under the appropriate route using correct product information by which NHS Supply Chain's Customer(s) will be able to access and buy the products from. Please note: Customer orders placed directly with Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) are subject to SCCL's supply terms available at the NHS Supply Chain catalogue (<https://my.supplychain.nhs.uk/catalogue>).

#### 1.14.2 Duration and/or Volume and/or Spend based Purchases

Participating Authorities may sign up to a duration and/or volume and/or spend based saving arrangement(s) such as a National Pricing Matrix which may provide the customer with improved pricing from supplier(s) in return for commitment. To access these prices, an access agreement will be drafted by CPP on behalf on NHS Supply Chain signed by all three parties (CPP, Participating Authorities and Supplier) to enable commencement of the commitment.

#### 1.14.3 Bulk Purchases

During the life of the framework, CPP on behalf of NHS Supply Chain may be asked by Participating Authorities, Arm's Length Bodies or any other government bodies to purchase products awarded onto this framework on their behalf in varying quantities based on the need at the time.



## Call-Off Processes and Procedures

Call-offs from the framework for Lots can be by either direct award or through the reopening of competition.

### Direct Award

A participating authority may decide to directly award a call-off contract where:

- (a) The pricing for a Participating Authority's requirements is met by the framework and a proposed call-off from it; and
- (b) Objective conditions for a direct award set by the Participating Authority have been applied and met.

Objective conditions are to be established by each Participating Authority.

As an example, In order to identify the Successful Supplier for Direct Award, the below methodology will be used for evaluation:

### Price Score - Min 40% - Max 100%

A Basket of Goods containing all the products required for the Participating Authority(s) will be evaluated as follows:

A basket of goods total cost will be determined by applying the banded price the Participating Authorities are eligible for, less any other discounts offered by the Supplier.

#### See worked example below:

	Supplier A	Supplier B	Supplier C
Total Basket of Goods based on Banded Price	£15,500.00	£16,000.00	£17,000.00
Other Available Discount Applied	2%	4%	0%
Other Available Discount Applied	3%	6%	4%
<b>Combined Discount</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Final Price used for Evaluation	£14,725.00	<b>£14,400.00</b>	£16,320.00

For the pricing element in the above scenario **Supplier B** offers the most competitive price, therefore, they would achieve the highest price score overall and would be successful for the Direct Award.



**Quality Score - Min 0% - Max 80%**

Participating Authorities may also determine the Successful Supplier by including the Quality Criteria weighting range set out in the table below to the relevant Framework Criteria for Framework Bids as the criteria relates to the Participating Authority's requirements in respect of the particular Order.

<b>Standard Goods and Services Sub-Criterion</b>	<b>Original Framework Weighting</b>	<b>Standard Goods and Services Weighting Range</b>
<b>Quality</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0% - 80%</b>
Product Technical Requirements	15%	0% – 40%
Supply Chain Resilience	10%	0% – 30%
Service & Supply	10%	0% – 30%
Customer Service & Contract Management	10%	0% – 30%
Clinical Support, Education & Training	5%	0% – 20%
Environment & Sustainability	10%	0% – 30%
Social Value	10%	0% – 30%
<b>TOTAL QUALITY SCORE (Weighted)</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0% - 80%</b>

The Participating Authorities may adjust/amend the Quality evaluation criteria weightings within the ranges above.

The list above is for guidance only.

Reopening of Competition

As it is recognised that not all the terms governing the provision of the products and services may be included in the framework agreement and may be subject to specific requirements to be determined by Participating Authorities, call-offs from the framework for all Lots can be through the reopening of competition amongst the successful suppliers awarded to each Lot covered by the framework.

When a call-off is to be made, Participating Authorities should:

- (a) invite all suppliers awarded to the relevant Lot to participate in the further competition.



Not all suppliers are required or may choose to respond to the further competition opportunity;

- (b) allow suppliers enough time to respond to further competition opportunities;
- (c) award each call-off contract to the supplier that has submitted the best tender based on the award criteria set out in the procurement documents issued by the Participating Authority and on which each further competition is based;
- (d) utilise award criteria which is consistent with the criteria used to award to the framework i.e. a combination of price and qualitative criteria but with the flexibility to amend the weightings for each to best help meet the specific requirements of the Participating Authority.

Suppliers are not obliged to respond to all or any further competition opportunities.

In addition to the general points included in points (a) to (d) above, Participating Authorities should note and follow the processes and procedures outlined below when calling off from the framework by way of further competition.

## **1 Ordering Procedure**

1.2 If a Participating Authority wishes to place an order for any products or services included in any of the Lots covered through this framework agreement, that Participating Authority shall:

- 1.1.1 identify the relevant Lot (where relevant) that its requirements fall under;
- 1.1.2 develop a specification or statement of requirements setting out its requirements;
- 1.1.3 supplement and refine the call-off Contract terms only to the extent:
  - (i) anticipated within the call-off contract terms and conditions as indicated by references to potential extra key provisions and/or as otherwise indicated;
  - (ii) permitted by and in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations and the law;
- 1.1.4 invite tenders from all the suppliers who have entered into an agreement in the same form as the framework agreement and have been appointed to any of the relevant Lots that the



specification or statement of requirements falls under by conducting a competition for the delivery of the relevant specification or statement of requirements and in particular:

- (i) consult in writing and invite the suppliers referred to in this Clause 1.1.4 to submit a Tender within a specified time limit by issuing a Further Competition ITT;
- (ii) conduct the competition in accordance with this Schedule;
- (iii) specify in a Further Competition ITT for that competition the further pricing information requested from the suppliers;
- (iv) set out in a Further Competition ITT for that competition a time limit for the receipt by it of Tenders which takes into account factors such as the complexity of the subject matter of the intended call-off contract and the time needed to submit a Tender; and
- (v) keep each Tender received confidential until the expiry of the time limit for the receipt by it of the Tenders;

1.1.5 apply the award criteria to all compliant Tenders submitted through the competition; and

1.1.6 subject to Clause 1.3 to 1.4 of this Schedule, place an order with the highest scoring supplier(s) using the Order Form.

1.3 The suppliers agree that all Tenders submitted by the suppliers in relation to further competitions held pursuant to Clause 1 of this Schedule shall remain open for acceptance for ninety (90) days (or such other period specified in the relevant Further Competition ITT issued by the relevant Participating Authority) in accordance with Clause 1 of this Schedule.

1.4 Notwithstanding the fact that a Participating Authority has followed the procedure set out in Clause 1 of this Schedule when conducting any further competition, the relevant Participating Authority may postpone, delay or end any such procedure without placing an order for any products or services or awarding a call-off contract. Nothing in this framework agreement shall oblige any Participating Authority to place any order for any products or services.



- 1.5 Before placing an order a Participating Authority may conduct a standstill period between announcing the results of any further competition and the execution of the relevant call-off contract but is not required to do so by the Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt where a standstill period is conducted in respect of any further competition that standstill may but need not be conducted in a way that is compliant with the Regulations.
- 1.6 Following the execution of any Call-Off Contract a Participating Authority:
- 1.1.7 may publish a contract award notice as described in the Regulations but is not required to do so by the Regulations; and/or
  - 1.1.8 may publish information concerning the call-off contract on Contracts Finder or any successor of Contracts Finder.

## 1. Call-Off Rules

- 1.7 Unless permitted under Clause 2.2 of this Schedule a Participating Authority must conduct a Competition in accordance with this Schedule before awarding any call-off contract.
- 1.8 A Participating Authority may run a further competition and issue a Further Competition ITT on its own behalf (in respect of its own requirements) and/or on behalf of other Participating Authorities (in respect of such other Participating Authorities' requirements)
- 1.9 Nothing in this framework agreement shall prevent a Participating Authority in engaging in preliminary market consultations before commencing a procurement process as permitted under Regulation 40 of the Regulations.
- 1.10 If a Participating Authority engages in preliminary market consultations, they shall ensure that all consultations are carried out in accordance with the Regulations and in particular will ensure that the consultations do not have the effect of distorting competition and do not result in the violation of the principles of non-discrimination and transparency.



- 1.11 Participating Authorities shall, when running a further competition, issue a Further Competition ITT to each supplier appointed to the framework in respect of the relevant Lot.
- 1.12 These call-off rules do not prescribe particular timescales for each stage of each further competition. It is anticipated that the timescales for each further competition will vary in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Participating Authorities and/or the nature of the specification or statement of requirements. including timescales for each stage of the process.
- 1.13 Participating Authorities and suppliers shall comply with the obligations and expectations of the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice “Staff Transfers in the Public Sector” (as amended) (“COSOP”) and Fair Deal for Staff Pensions (2013) in relation to any call-off contract (where relevant).
- 1.14 The transfer of staff in connection with the award of call-off contracts shall be governed by TUPE, or, if TUPE is considered not to apply in any particular circumstances, by COSOP. In line with the principles of TUPE, the terms and conditions (including continuity of service) of transferring staff shall be protected and staff must be treated no less favourably than had TUPE applied.
- 1.15 As provided for by COSOP, neither Participating Authorities nor the suppliers shall orchestrate a non-TUPE situation.



## Schedule 7

### Service Levels

The Supplier agrees to conform to the following KPIs during the Term of this Framework Agreement:

The following provides details regarding KPI measures to support the management for the framework and call off arrangements.

The Authority reserve the right to add KPIs and circumstances dictate during the period of the Framework Agreement.

Compliance with the KPIs will be monitored monthly and form part of the review meeting process.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		Performance Measure		
		Green	Amber	Red
KPI				
1	Perfect Order on-time delivery, in full delivery, damage-free delivery, and appropriate, accurate documentation.	0 – 5 failure Incidences per month	6-10 failure incidences per month	11 plus failure incidences per month
2	Invoicing Accurate invoices supplied with required supporting documentation	0 – 5 failure Incidences per month	6-10 failure incidences per month	11 plus failure incidences per month
2.1	Credit notes actioned within 14 days of agreement that a credit is pertinent	0 – 5 failure Incidences per month	6-10 failure incidences per month	11 plus failure incidences per month
3	MI reports & KPI reports Issued monthly within 10 working days at the end of the month	Supplied within time frame	Supplied up to 5 working days late	Supplied more than 5 working days late
3.1	Response to ad-hoc report/data requests i.e. Bench marking/sales data delist/product change/range extension data within 5 working days of request.	Supplied within time frame	Supplied up to 5 working days late	Supplied more than 5 working days late
4	Service/product complaints Complaints raised dealt with and resolved within time frames agreed	0 – 5 failure Incidences per month	6-10 failure incidences per month	11 plus failure incidences per month



1. Any KPI discrepancy attributable to an act or omission of CPP LLP, the Authority (or another Participating Authority) shall not be used to calculate the Supplier's sub-standard performance level.
2. The Supplier's performance shall be measured as indicated in the KPI Schedule above.
3. Should the Service Level of the Supplier fall below the relevant KPI:
  - 3.1. on three (3) or more occasions in any six (6) month period relating to the AMBER alerts;
  - 3.2. on two (2) or more occasions in any six (6) month period relating to the RED alerts;

CPP LLP/Authority may serve a performance notice on the Supplier. The Supplier shall present to CPP LLP/Authority within thirty (30) days of receipt of such performance notice an action plan to improve the Supplier's Monthly Service Level ("Action Plan"). The Parties shall, within ten (10) Business Days of CPP LLP/Authority receiving the Action Plan meet to discuss and agree the Action Plan. CPP LPP/Authority may make reasonable amendments to the Action Plan to improve the Supplier's performance. The Action Plan must include a timetable for improvement of the Supplier's performance to, as a minimum, the level required in relation to the relevant KPI. Such timetable shall be agreed by the Parties but shall in any event be no longer than six (6) months.

4. In the event that the Supplier:
  - 4.1. fails to produce an Action Plan in accordance with Clause 3 of this Schedule 8; or
  - 4.2. fails to improve its Monthly Service Level to the minimum level required of this Schedule 8 within the timetable set out in the Action Plan in accordance with Clause 3.1 of this Schedule 8,

the Supplier shall be considered to have committed a material breach capable of remedy for the purpose of Clause 16.4 of Schedule 2 of the NHS Terms and Conditions.



5. If the Supplier disputes CPP LLP/Authority Monthly Service Level as applicable to the Supplier, the Supplier shall provide evidence to CPP LLP/Authority that the Monthly Service Level is incorrect within seven (7) days of disputing such Monthly Service Level and the Parties shall meet to discuss any necessary amendment to the Monthly Service Level. If the Parties cannot agree the Monthly Service Level the matter shall be referred to the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 23 of Schedule 22 of the Framework Terms and Conditions.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Schedule 8 shall limit in any way either Party's rights and remedies, including the right to claim damages and or termination rights which may arise, under this Framework Agreement or any Contract.

## 7. Management information

7.1.1. The supplier shall provide information to enabled performance and ongoing monitoring of the framework to CPP LLP and the Authority as detailed below.

### 7.2. Sales Data

7.2.1. Framework suppliers shall provide monthly sales data for all activity under the framework as prescribed below: -

This must be in electronic format no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month the category manager detailing the previous months sales activities per participating authority.

7.2.2. All management information must be provided free of charge as part of the overall service offered under the Framework Agreement.

### 7.3. Benchmarking requests

7.3.1. The supplier shall respond to benchmarking requests, approved by participating Authority's, within 5 working days of the request.

7.3.2. The output from the benchmarking is for the Authority to provide the NHS procurement staff, operational teams and lead clinician(s) with a spend efficiency report (SER) which facilitates decision making and determines "next steps" and development of agreed work plans.



## 7.4. KPI's

7.4.1. The KPI's (See Schedule 8) shall inform the effectiveness of the framework agreement between the supplier a, end users and the Authority and from part of the monthly management reports required to be submitted to CPP LLP/ Authority.

## 7.5. Contract Management

7.5.1. The contract review meeting shall be undertaken quarterly, this may increase to monthly as may be the requirement dependent on the nature of the contract/Call off/Access agreement in place.

7.5.2. The focus of contract management meetings will be the review of KPI's the management of contracts established under the framework, opportunity's new products, issues, training, debt management and LSAS compliance where applicable.

7.5.3. MDA reports / alerts relation to products supplied under the framework – update on actions taken, or action plans to facilitate resolution.

7.5.4. Future technological advantages or additional service provisions.

7.5.5. Representatives from the individual participating Authority's may also require similar meetings on a quarterly basis as part of their own contract with the supplier. The Participating Authority will agree these requirements with the supplier on a case by case basis.



**Appendix A.**

**Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods**

Where an Order Form is issued by the Authority that refers to the Framework Agreement, the Contract is made between the Authority and the Supplier on the date of that Order Form. The Contract is subject to the terms set out in the schedules of these Call-off Terms and Conditions listed below (“**Schedules**”).

The Authority and the Supplier undertake to comply with the provisions of the Schedules in the performance of the Contract.

The Supplier shall supply to the Authority, and the Authority shall receive and pay for, the Goods on the terms of the Contract.

For the avoidance of doubt, any actions or work undertaken by the Supplier prior to the receipt of an Order Form covering the relevant Goods shall be undertaken at the Supplier’s risk and expense and the Supplier shall only be entitled to invoice for Goods covered by a valid Order Form.

The Definitions in Schedule 4 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions apply to the use of all capitalised terms in the Contract.

**Schedules**

Schedule 1 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions	Key Provisions
Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions	General Terms and Conditions
Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions	Information and Data Provisions
Schedule 4 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions	Definitions and Interpretations



**Schedule 1 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions**

**Key Provisions**

**2 Application of the Key Provisions**

- 2.1 The standard Key Provisions at Clauses 1 to 6 of this Schedule 1 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall apply to this Contract.
- 2.2 Extra Key Provisions shall only apply to this Contract where such provisions are set out as part of the Order Form.

**3 Term**

- 3.1 This Contract commences on the Commencement Date.
- 3.2 The Term of this Contract shall be as set out in the Order Form.
- 3.3 The Term may be extended in accordance with Clause 15.2 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions provided that the duration of this Contract shall be no longer than any maximum duration applicable to the Contract if such maximum duration is set out in the Framework Agreement (including any options to extend).

**4 Contract Managers**

- 4.1 The Contract Managers at the commencement of this Contract shall be as set out in the Order Form or as otherwise agreed between the Parties in writing.

**5 Names and addresses for notices**

- 5.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, notices served under this Contract are to be delivered to such persons at such addresses as referred to in the Order Form.

**6 Management levels for escalation and dispute resolution**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the management levels at which a Dispute will be dealt with are as follows:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Authority representative</b>	<b>Supplier representative</b>
1	Contract Manager	Contract Manager
2	Assistant Director or equivalent	Assistant Director or equivalent
3	Director or equivalent	Director or equivalent



## **7 Order of precedence**

- 7.1 Subject always to Clause 1.10 of Schedule 4 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, should there be a conflict between any other parts of this Contract the order of priority for construction purposes shall be:
- 7.1.1 the Order Form;
  - 7.1.2 the applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement other than the Specification and Tender Response Document;
  - 7.1.3 the provisions on the front page of these Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods;
  - 7.1.4 Schedule 1 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions: Key Provisions;
  - 7.1.5 the Specification and Tender Response Document (but only in respect of the requirements);
  - 7.1.6 Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions : General Terms and Conditions;
  - 7.1.7 Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions: Information Governance Provisions;
  - 7.1.8 Schedule 4 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions: Definitions and Interpretations; and
  - 7.1.9 any other documentation forming part of the Contract in the date order in which such documentation was created with the more recent documentation taking precedence over older documentation to the extent only of any conflict.



**Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions**

**General Terms and Conditions**

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## **1 Supply of Goods**

- 1.1 The Supplier shall supply the Goods ordered by the Authority under this Contract:
- 1.1.1 promptly and in any event within any time limits as may be set out in this Contract;
  - 1.1.2 in accordance with all other provisions of this Contract;
  - 1.1.3 using reasonable skill and care in their delivery;
  - 1.1.4 using reasonable skill and care in their installation, associated works and training to the extent that such installation, works or training is a requirement of this Contract;
  - 1.1.5 in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement as applicable and/or the provisions of the Order Form;
  - 1.1.6 in accordance with the Law and with Guidance;
  - 1.1.7 in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
  - 1.1.8 in accordance with the Policies; and
  - 1.1.9 in a professional and courteous manner.
- In complying with its obligations under this Contract, the Supplier shall, and shall procure that all Staff shall, act in accordance with the NHS values as set out in the NHS Constitution from time to time.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall comply fully with its obligations set out in the Framework Agreement, the Specification and Tender Response Document and/or the Order Form (to include, without limitation, the KPIs and all obligations in relation to the quality, performance characteristics, supply, delivery and installation and training in relation to use of the Goods).
- 1.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the Goods shall be new, consistent with any sample, and shall comply with any applicable specification set out in this Contract (to include, without limitation, the requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document and the Supplier's response to such requirements) and any applicable manufacturers' specifications.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall ensure that all relevant consents, authorisations, licences and accreditations required to supply the Goods are in place prior to the delivery of any Goods to the Authority.
- 1.5 If there are any incidents that in any way relate to or involve the use of the Goods by the Authority, the Supplier shall cooperate fully with the Authority in relation to the Authority's application of the Policies on reporting and responding to all incidents, including serious incidents requiring investigation, and shall respond promptly to any



reasonable and proportionate queries, questions and/or requests for information that the Authority may have in this context in relation to the Goods.

- 1.6 If there are any quality, performance and/or safety related reports, notices, alerts or other communications issued by the Supplier or any regulatory or other body in relation to the Goods, the Supplier shall promptly provide the Authority with a copy of any such reports, notices, alerts or other communications.
- 1.7 Upon receipt of any such reports, notices, alerts or other communications pursuant to Clause 1.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Authority shall be entitled to request further information from the Supplier and/or a meeting with the Supplier, and the Supplier shall cooperate fully with any such request.

## **2 Delivery**

- 2.1 The Supplier shall deliver the Goods in accordance with any delivery timescales, delivery dates and delivery instructions (to include, without limitation, as to delivery location and delivery times) set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Order Form or as otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing.
- 2.2 Delivery shall be completed when the Goods have been unloaded at the location specified by the Authority and such delivery has been received by a duly authorised agent, employee or location representative of the Authority. The Authority shall procure that such duly authorised agent, employee or location representative of the Authority is at the delivery location at the agreed delivery date and times in order to accept such delivery. Any arrangement by which the Goods are collected by the Authority in return for a discount on the Contract Price shall be agreed by the Parties in writing (where due to an emergency such arrangements cannot be committed to writing prior to collection, the Parties shall confirm such arrangements in writing as soon as possible following collection). Where the Authority collects the Goods, collection is deemed delivery for the purposes of the Contract.
- 2.3 The Supplier shall ensure that a delivery note shall accompany each delivery of the Goods. Such delivery note shall contain the information specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document or as otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing. Where such information requirements as to the content of delivery notes are not specified or separately agreed, such delivery notes shall, as a minimum, contain the Authority's order number, the name and address of the Authority, a description and quantity of the Goods, and shall show separately any extra agreed charges for containers and/or any other item not included in the Contract Price or, where no charge is made, whether the containers are required to be returned.
- 2.4 Part deliveries and/or deliveries outside of the agreed delivery times/dates may be refused unless the Authority has previously agreed in writing to accept such deliveries. Where delivery of the Goods is refused by the Authority in accordance with this Clause 2.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall be responsible for all risks, costs and expenses associated with the re-delivery of the Goods in accordance with the agreed delivery times/dates. Where the Authority accepts delivery more than five (5) days before the agreed delivery date, the Authority shall be entitled to charge the Supplier for the costs of insurance and storage of the Goods until the agreed date for delivery.



- 2.5 Unless otherwise set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document or agreed with the Authority in writing, the Supplier shall be responsible for carriage, insurance, transport, all relevant licences, all related costs, and all other costs associated with the delivery of the Goods to the delivery location and unloading of the Goods at that location. Without limitation to the foregoing provision of this Clause 2.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, unless otherwise stated in the Specification and Tender Response Document or agreed with the Authority in writing, the Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining all export and import licences for the Goods and shall be responsible for any delays to the delivery time due to such licences not being available when required. In the case of any Goods supplied from outside the United Kingdom, the Supplier shall ensure that accurate information is provided to the Authority as to the country of origin of the Goods and shall be liable to the Authority for any extra duties or taxes for which the Authority may be accountable should the country of origin prove to be different from that set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document.
- 2.6 All third party carriers engaged to deliver the Goods shall at no time be an agent of the Authority and accordingly the Supplier shall be liable to the Authority for the acts and omissions of all third party carriers engaged to deliver the Goods to the Authority.

### **3 Passing of risk and ownership**

- 3.1 Risk in the Goods shall pass to the Authority when the Goods are delivered as specified in this Contract or, in the case of Goods which require installation by the Supplier, when that installation process is complete.
- 3.2 Ownership of the Goods shall pass to the Authority on the earlier of:
- 3.2.1 full payment for such Goods; or
  - 3.2.2 where the goods are consumables or are non-recoverable (e.g. used in clinical procedures), at the point such Goods are taken into use. For the avoidance of doubt, where ownership passes in accordance with this Clause 3.2.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, then the full Contract Price for such Goods shall be recoverable by the Supplier from the Authority as a debt if there is non-payment of a valid undisputed invoice issued by the Supplier to the Authority in relation to such Goods.
- 3.3 All tools, equipment and materials of the Supplier required in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract shall be and remain at the sole risk of the Supplier, whether or not they are situated at a delivery location.

### **4 Inspection, rejection, return and recall**

- 4.1 As relevant and proportionate to the Goods in question and subject to reasonable written notice, the Supplier shall permit any person authorised by the Authority, to inspect work being undertaken in relation to the Goods and/or the storage facilities used in the storage of the Goods at all reasonable times at the Supplier's premises or at the premises of any Sub-contractor or agent of the Supplier in order to confirm that the Goods are being manufactured and/or stored in accordance with Good Industry Practice and in compliance the requirements of this Contract and/or that stock holding and quality assurance processes are in accordance with the requirements of this Contract.

- 4.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and subject to Clause 4.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Authority shall visually inspect the Goods within a reasonable time following delivery (or such other period as may be set out as part of the requirements in the Specification and Tender Response Document, if any) and may by written notice reject any Goods found to be damaged or otherwise not in accordance with the requirements of this Contract (“**Rejected Goods**”). The whole of any delivery may be rejected if a reasonable sample of the Goods taken indiscriminately from that delivery is found not to conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Contract.
- 4.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 4.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, upon the rejection of any Goods in accordance with Clauses 4.2 and/or 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall at the Authority’s written request:
- 4.3.1 collect the Rejected Goods at the Supplier’s risk and expense within ten (10) Business Days of issue of written notice from the Authority rejecting the Goods; and
- 4.3.2 without extra charge, promptly (and in any event within twenty (20) Business Days or such other time agreed by the Parties in writing acting reasonably) supply replacements for the Rejected Goods to the Authority subject to the Authority not cancelling its purchase obligations in accordance with Clause 4.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- If the Supplier requests and the Authority accepts that the Rejected Goods should be disposed of by the Authority rather than returned to the Supplier, the Authority reserves the right to charge the Supplier for the costs associated with the disposal of the Rejected Goods and the Supplier shall promptly pay any such costs.
- 4.4 Risk and title in respect of any Rejected Goods shall pass to the Supplier on the earlier of: (a) collection by the Supplier in accordance with Clause 4.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions; or (b) immediately following the expiry of ten (10) Business Days from the Authority issuing written notification rejecting the Goods. If Rejected Goods are not collected within ten (10) Business Days of the Authority issuing written notification rejecting the Goods, the Authority may return the Rejected Goods at the Supplier’s risk and expense and charge the Supplier for the cost of storage from the expiry of ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of rejection.
- 4.5 Where the Authority rejects any Goods in accordance with Clauses 4.2 and/or 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and the Authority no longer requires replacement Goods, the Authority may by written notice cancel its purchase obligations in relation to such quantity of Rejected Goods. Should the Authority have paid for such Rejected Goods the Supplier shall refund such payment to the Authority within thirty (30) days of the Authority cancelling such purchase obligations and informing the Supplier that the Authority does not require replacements for such Rejected Goods.
- 4.6 Without prejudice to any other provisions of this Contract or any other warranties or guarantees applicable to the Goods supplied and subject to Clause 4.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, if at any time following the date of the delivery of any Goods, all or any part of such Goods are found to be defective or

otherwise not in accordance with the requirements of this Contract (“**Defective Goods**”), the Supplier shall, at the Authority’s discretion:

- 4.6.1 upon written request and without charge, promptly (and in any event within twenty (20) Business Days or such other time agreed by the Parties in writing acting reasonably) remedy the deficiency by repairing such Defective Goods; or
  - 4.6.2 upon written notice of rejection from the Authority, treat such Defective Goods as Rejected Goods in accordance with Clauses 4.2 to 4.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 4.7 The Supplier shall be relieved of its liabilities under Clauses 4.2 to 4.5 (inclusive) and/or Clause 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions to the extent only that the Goods are damaged, there are defects in the Goods and/or the Goods fail to comply with the requirements of this Contract due, in each case, to any acts or omissions of the Authority.
- 4.8 The Authority’s rights and remedies under Clause 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall cease within a reasonable period of time from the date on which the Authority discovers or might reasonably be expected to discover that the Goods are Defective Goods or within such other period as may be set out as part of the requirements in the Specification and Tender Response Document, if any. For the avoidance of doubt, Goods not used before their expiry date shall in no event be considered Defective Goods following the date of expiry provided that at the point such Goods were delivered to the Authority they met any shelf life requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document.
- 4.9 Where the Supplier is required by Law, Guidance, and/or Good Industry Practice to order a product recall (“**Requirement to Recall**”) in respect of the Goods, the Supplier shall:
- 4.9.1 promptly (taking into consideration the potential impact of the continued use of the Goods on patients, service users and the Authority as well as compliance by the Supplier with any regulatory requirements) notify the Authority in writing of the recall together with the circumstances giving rise to the recall;
  - 4.9.2 from the date of the Requirement to Recall treat the Goods the subject of such recall as Defective Goods in accordance with Clause 4.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
  - 4.9.3 consult with the Authority as to the most efficient method of executing the recall of the Goods and use its reasonable endeavours to minimise the impact on the Authority of the recall; and
  - 4.9.4 indemnify and keep the Authority indemnified against, any loss, damages, costs, expenses (including without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings suffered or incurred by the Authority as a result of such Requirement to Recall.



**5 Staff and Lifescience Industry Accredited Credentialing Register**

- 5.1 The Supplier will employ sufficient Staff to ensure that it complies with its obligations under this Contract. This will include, but not be limited to, the Supplier providing a sufficient reserve of trained and competent Staff during Staff holidays or absence.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall ensure that all Staff are aware of, and at all times comply with, the Policies.
- 5.3 The Supplier shall employ only such persons as are careful, skilled and experienced in the duties required of them, and will ensure that every such person is properly and sufficiently trained and instructed and shall maintain throughout the Term all appropriate licences and registrations with any relevant bodies (at the Supplier's expense) and has the qualifications to carry out their duties.
- 5.4 The Supplier shall comply with the Authority's staff vetting procedures and other staff protocols, as may be relevant to this Contract and which are notified to the Supplier by the Authority in writing.
- 5.5 Unless otherwise confirmed by the Authority in writing, the Supplier shall ensure full compliance (to include with any implementation timelines) with any Guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Care and/or any requirements and/or Policies issued by the Authority (to include as may be set out as part of any procurement documents leading to the award of this Contract) in relation to the adoption of, and compliance with, any scheme or schemes to verify the credentials of Supplier representatives that visit NHS premises (to include use of the Lifescience Industry Accredited Credentialing Register). Once compliance with any notified implementation timelines has been achieved by the Supplier, the Supplier shall, during the Term, maintain the required level of compliance in accordance with any such Guidance, requirements and Policies.

**6 Business continuity**

- 6.1 Throughout the Term, the Supplier will ensure its Business Continuity Plan provides for continuity during a Business Continuity Event. The Supplier confirms and agrees such Business Continuity Plan details and will continue to detail robust arrangements that are reasonable and proportionate to:

6.1.1 the criticality of this Contract to the Authority; and

6.1.2 the size and scope of the Supplier's business operations,

regarding continuity of the supply of Goods during and following a Business Continuity Event.

- 6.2 The Supplier shall test its Business Continuity Plan at reasonable intervals, and in any event no less than once every twelve (12) months or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties taking into account the criticality of this Contract to the Authority and the size and scope of the Supplier's business operations. The Supplier shall promptly provide to the Authority, at the Authority's written request, copies of its Business Continuity Plan, reasonable and proportionate documentary evidence that the Supplier tests its Business Continuity Plan in accordance with the requirements of this Clause 6.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and



reasonable and proportionate information regarding the outcome of such tests. The Supplier shall provide to the Authority a copy of any updated or revised Business Continuity Plan within fourteen (14) Business Days of any material update or revision to the Business Continuity Plan.

- 6.3 Should a Business Continuity Event occur at any time, the Supplier shall implement and comply with its Business Continuity Plan and provide regular written reports to the Authority on such implementation.
- 6.4 During and following a Business Continuity Event, the Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to continue to supply the Goods in accordance with this Contract.

## **7 The Authority's obligations**

- 7.1 Subject to the Supplier supplying the Goods in accordance with this Contract, the Authority will pay the Supplier for the Goods in accordance with Clause 9 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 7.2 The Authority shall, as appropriate, provide copies of or give the Supplier access to such of the Policies that are relevant to the supply and delivery of the Goods.
- 7.3 The Authority shall comply with the Authority's Obligations.
- 7.4 The Authority shall provide the Supplier with any reasonable and proportionate cooperation necessary to enable the Supplier to comply with its obligations under this Contract. The Supplier shall at all times provide reasonable advance written notification to Authority of any such cooperation necessary in circumstances where such cooperation will require the Authority to plan for and/or allocate specific resources in order to provide such cooperation.

## **8 Contract management**

- 8.1 Each Party shall appoint and retain a Contract Manager who shall be the primary point of contact for the other Party in relation to matters arising from this Contract. Should the Contract Manager be replaced, the Party replacing the Contract Manager shall promptly inform the other Party in writing of the name and contact details for the new Contract Manager. Any Contract Manager appointed shall be of sufficient seniority and experience to be able to make decisions on the day to day operation of the Contract. The Supplier confirms and agrees that it will be expected to work closely and cooperate fully with the Authority's Contract Manager.
- 8.2 Each Party shall ensure that its representatives (to include, without limitation, its Contract Manager) shall attend review meetings on a regular basis to review the performance of the Supplier under this Contract and to discuss matters arising generally under this Contract. Each Party shall ensure that those attending such meetings have the authority to make decisions regarding the day to day operation of the Contract. Review meetings shall take place at the frequency specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document. Should the Specification and Tender Response Document not state the frequency, then the first such meeting shall take place on a date to be agreed on or around the end of the first month after the Commencement Date. Subsequent meetings shall take place at monthly intervals or as may otherwise be agreed in writing between the Parties.

- 8.3 Two weeks prior to each review meeting (or at such time and frequency as may be specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document) the Supplier shall provide a written contract management report to the Authority regarding the supply of the Goods and the operation of this Contract. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, such contract management report shall contain:
- 8.3.1 details of the performance of the Supplier when assessed in accordance with the KPIs since the last such performance report;
  - 8.3.2 details of any complaints by the Authority in relation to the supply of Goods, their nature and the way in which the Supplier has responded to such complaints since the last review meeting written report;
  - 8.3.3 the information specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document;
  - 8.3.4 a status report in relation to the implementation of any current Remedial Proposals by either Party; and
  - 8.3.5 such other information as reasonably required by the Authority.
- 8.4 Unless specified otherwise in the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Authority shall take minutes of each review meeting and shall circulate draft minutes to the Supplier within a reasonable time following such review meeting. The Supplier shall inform the Authority in writing of any suggested amendments to the minutes within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the draft minutes. If the Supplier does not respond to the Authority within such five (5) Business Days the minutes will be deemed to be approved. Where there are any differences in interpretation of the minutes, the Parties will use their reasonable endeavours to reach agreement. If agreement cannot be reached the matter shall be referred to, and resolved in accordance with, the dispute resolution process set out in Clause 5 of the Key Provisions and Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 8.5 The Supplier shall provide such management information as the Authority may request from time to time within seven (7) Business Days of the date of the request. The Supplier shall supply the management information to the Authority in such form as may be specified by the Authority and, where requested to do so, the Supplier shall also provide such management information to another Contracting Authority, whose role it is to: (a) analyse such management information in accordance with UK government policy (to include, without limitation, for the purposes of analysing public sector expenditure and planning future procurement activities); or (b) manage the Framework Agreement with the Supplier ("**Third Party Body**"). The Supplier confirms and agrees that the Authority may itself provide the Third Party Body with management information relating to the Goods purchased, any payments made under this Contract and any other information relevant to the operation of this Contract.
- 8.6 Upon receipt of management information supplied by the Supplier to the Authority and/or the Third Party Body, or by the Authority to the Third Party Body, the Parties hereby consent to the Third Party Body and the Authority:
- 8.6.1 storing and analysing the management information and producing statistics; and

- 8.6.2 sharing the management information, or any statistics produced using the management information with any other Contracting Authority.
- 8.7 If the Third Party Body and/or the Authority shares the management information or any other information provided under Clause 8.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, any Contracting Authority receiving the management information shall, where such management information is subject to obligations of confidence under this Contract and such management information is provided direct by the Authority to such Contracting Authority, be informed of the confidential nature of that information by the Authority and shall be requested by the Authority not to disclose it to any body that is not a Contracting Authority (unless required to do so by Law).
- 8.8 The Authority may make changes to the type of management information which the Supplier is required to supply and shall give the Supplier at least one (1) month's written notice of any changes.

## **9 Price and payment**

- 9.1 The Contract Price shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement, as confirmed in the Order Form.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise stated in the Framework Agreement and/or the Order Form, the Contract Price:
- 9.2.1 shall remain fixed during the Term; and
- 9.2.2 is the entire price payable by the Authority to the Supplier in respect of the provision of the Goods and includes, without limitation:
- (i) packaging, packing materials, addressing, labelling, loading, delivery to and unloading at the delivery location, the cost of any import or export licences, all appropriate taxes (excluding VAT), duties and tariffs, any expenses arising from import and export administration, any installation costs and associated works, the costs of all associated documentation and information supplied or made accessible to the Authority in any media, and any training in relation to the use, storage, handling or operation of the Goods;
  - (ii) any royalties, licence fees or similar expenses in respect of the making, use or exercise by the Supplier of any Intellectual Property Rights for the purposes of performing this Contract, and any licence rights granted to the Authority in accordance with Clause 11 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions; and
  - (iii) costs and expenses in relation to supplies and materials used by the Supplier or any third party in the manufacture of the Goods, and any other costs incurred by the Supplier in association with the manufacture, supply or installation of the Goods.
- 9.3 Unless stated otherwise in the Framework Agreement and/or the Order Form:



- 9.3.1 where the Framework Agreement and/or the Order Form confirms that the payment profile for this Contract is monthly in arrears, the Supplier shall invoice the Authority, within fourteen (14) days of the end of each calendar month, the Contract Price in respect of the Goods supplied in compliance with this Contract in the preceding calendar month; or
- 9.3.2 where Clause 9.3.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions does not apply, the Supplier shall invoice the Authority for Goods at any time following completion of the supply of the Goods in compliance with this Contract.

Each invoice shall contain such information and be addressed to such individual as the Authority may inform the Supplier from time to time.

- 9.4 The Contract Price is exclusive of VAT, which, if properly chargeable, the Authority shall pay at the prevailing rate subject to receipt from the Supplier of a valid and accurate VAT invoice. Such VAT invoices shall show the VAT calculations as a separate line item.
- 9.5 Where the Contract Price is or may become subject to any pricing requirements of any voluntary and/or statutory pricing regulation schemes, the Parties shall comply with such pricing requirements as required by Law from time to time and specifically as required by the statutory pricing regulation scheme (and any future regulation) or to the extent applicable to the Supplier from time to time as an industry member of a voluntary scheme, including any reductions in price by reason of the application of such schemes.
- 9.6 The Authority shall verify and pay each valid and undisputed invoice received in accordance with Clause 9.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call off Terms and Conditions within thirty (30) days of receipt of such invoice at the latest. However, the Authority shall use its reasonable endeavours to pay such undisputed invoices sooner in accordance with any applicable government prompt payment targets. If there is undue delay in verifying the invoice in accordance with this Clause 9.6 of this Schedule 2, the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purposes this Clause 9.6 after a reasonable time has passed.
- 9.7 Where the Authority raises a query with respect to an invoice the Parties shall liaise with each other and agree a resolution to such query within thirty (30) days of the query being raised. If the Parties are unable to agree a resolution within thirty (30) days the query shall be referred to dispute resolution in accordance with Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 these Call off Terms and Conditions . For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority shall not be in breach of any of any of its payment obligations under this Contract in relation to any queried or disputed invoice sums unless the process referred to in this Clause 9.7 of this Schedule 2 has been followed and it has been determined that the queried or disputed invoice amount is properly due to the Supplier and the Authority has then failed to pay such sum within a reasonable period following such determination.
- 9.8 The Authority reserves the right to set-off:
- 9.8.1 any monies due to the Supplier from the Authority as against any monies due to the Authority from the Supplier under this Contract; and

- 9.8.2 any monies due to the Authority from the Supplier as against any monies due to the Supplier from the Authority under this Contract.
- 9.9 Where the Authority is entitled to receive any sums (including, without limitation, any costs, charges or expenses) from the Supplier under this Contract, the Authority may invoice the Supplier for such sums. Such invoices shall be paid by the Supplier within 30 days of the date of such invoice.
- 9.10 If a Party fails to pay any undisputed sum properly due to the other Party under this Contract, the Party due such sum shall have the right to charge interest on the overdue amount at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.

## **10 Warranties**

- 10.1 The Supplier warrants and undertakes that:
- 10.1.1 it shall comply with the Framework Agreement;
  - 10.1.2 the Goods shall be suitable for the purposes and/or treatments as referred to in the Specification and Tender Response Document, be of satisfactory quality, fit for their intended purpose and shall comply with the standards and requirements set out in this Contract;
  - 10.1.3 unless otherwise confirmed by the Authority in writing (to include, without limitation, as part of the Specification and Tender Response Document), it will ensure that the Goods comply with requirements five (5) to eight (8), as set out in Annex 1 of the Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note - Implementing Article 6 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (Action Note 07/14 3rd June 2014), to the extent such requirements apply to the relevant Goods;
  - 10.1.4 it shall ensure that prior to actual delivery to the Authority the Goods are manufactured, stored and/or distributed using reasonable skill and care and in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
  - 10.1.5 without prejudice to the generality of the warranty at 10.1.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, it shall ensure that, the Goods are manufactured, stored and/or distributed in accordance with good manufacturing practice and/or good warehousing practice and/or good distribution practice, as may be defined under any Law, Guidance and/or Good Industry Practice relevant to the Goods, and in accordance with any specific instructions of the manufacturer of the Goods;
  - 10.1.6 it shall ensure that all facilities used in the manufacture, storage and distribution of the Goods are kept in a state and condition necessary to enable the Supplier to comply with its obligations in accordance with this Contract;
  - 10.1.7 it has, or the manufacturer of the Goods has, manufacturing and warehousing capacity sufficient to comply with its obligations under this Contract;



- 10.1.8 it will ensure sufficient stock levels to comply with its obligations under this Contract;
- 10.1.9 it shall ensure that the transport and delivery of the Goods mean that they are delivered in good and useable condition;
- 10.1.10 where the Goods are required to be stored at a certain temperature, it shall provide, or shall procure the provision of, complete and accurate temperature records for each delivery of the Goods during the period of transport and/or storage of the Goods from the point of manufacture to the point of delivery to the Authority;
- 10.1.11 where there is any instruction information, including without limitation patient information leaflets, that accompany the Goods, it shall provide a sufficient number of copies to the Authority and provide updated copies should the instruction information change at any time during the Term;
- 10.1.12 all Goods delivered to the Authority shall comply with any shelf life requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document;
- 10.1.13 it has and shall maintain a properly documented system of quality controls and processes covering all aspects of its obligations under this Contract and/or under Law and/or Guidance and shall at all times comply with such quality controls and processes;
- 10.1.14 it shall not make any significant changes to its system of quality controls and processes in relation to the Goods without notifying the Authority in writing at least twenty one (21) days in advance of such change (such notice to include the details of the consequences which follow such change being implemented);
- 10.1.15 it shall not make any significant changes to the Goods without the prior written consent of the Authority, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
- 10.1.16 any equipment it uses in the manufacture, delivery, or installation of the Goods shall comply with all relevant Law and Guidance, be fit for its intended purpose and maintained fully in accordance with the manufacturer's specification;
- 10.1.17 where any act of the Supplier requires the notification to and/or approval by any regulatory or other competent body in accordance with any Law and Guidance, the Supplier shall comply fully with such notification and/or approval requirements;
- 10.1.18 it has and shall as relevant maintain all rights, consents, authorisations, licences and accreditations required to supply the Goods;
- 10.1.19 receipt of the Goods by or on behalf of the Authority and use of the Goods or of any other item or information supplied, or made available, to the Authority will not infringe any third party rights, to include without limitation any Intellectual Property Rights;



- 10.1.20 it will comply with all Law, Guidance, Policies and the Supplier Code of Conduct in so far as is relevant to the supply of the Goods;
- 10.1.21 it will promptly notify the Authority of any health and safety hazard which has arisen, or the Supplier is aware may arise, in connection with the Goods and take such steps as are reasonably necessary to ensure the health and safety of persons likely to be affected by such hazards;
- 10.1.22 it shall: (i) comply with all relevant Law and Guidance and shall use Good Industry Practice to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains; and (ii) notify the Authority immediately if it becomes aware of any actual or suspected incidents of slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains;
- 10.1.23 it shall at all times conduct its business in a manner that is consistent with any anti-slavery Policy of the Authority and shall provide to the Authority any reports or other information that the Authority may request as evidence of the Supplier's compliance with this Clause 10.1.23 and/or as may be requested or otherwise required by the Authority in accordance with its anti-slavery Policy;
- 10.1.24 it will fully and promptly respond to all requests for information and/or requests for answers to questions regarding this Contract, the Goods, any complaints and any Disputes at the frequency, in the timeframes and in the format as requested by the Authority from time to time (acting reasonably);
- 10.1.25 all information included within the Supplier's responses to any documents issued by the Authority as part of the procurement relating to the award of this Contract (to include, without limitation, as referred to in the Specification and Tender Response Document and/or Order Form) and all accompanying materials is accurate;
- 10.1.26 it has the right and authority to enter into this Contract and that it has the capability and capacity to fulfil its obligations under this Contract;
- 10.1.27 it is a properly constituted entity and it is fully empowered by the terms of its constitutional documents to enter into and to carry out its obligations under this Contract and the documents referred to in this Contract;
- 10.1.28 all necessary actions to authorise the execution of and performance of its obligations under this Contract have been taken before such execution;
- 10.1.29 there are no pending or threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency which would materially adversely affect the financial condition, business or operations of the Supplier;
- 10.1.30 there are no material agreements existing to which the Supplier is a party which prevent the Supplier from entering into or complying with this Contract;
- 10.1.31 it has and will continue to have the capacity, funding and cash flow to meet all its obligations under this Contract; and



- 10.1.32 it has satisfied itself as to the nature and extent of the risks assumed by it under this Contract and has gathered all information necessary to perform its obligations under this Contract and all other obligations assumed by it.
- 10.2 Where the sale, manufacture, assembly, importation, storage, distribution, supply, delivery, or installation of the Goods under this Contract relates to medical devices and/or medicinal products (both as defined under any relevant Law and Guidance), the Supplier warrants and undertakes that it will comply with any such Law and Guidance relating to such activities in relation to such medical devices and/or medicinal products. In particular, but without limitation, the Supplier warrants that:
- 10.2.1 at the point such Goods are supplied to the Authority, all such Goods which are medical devices shall have valid CE marking as required by Law and Guidance and that all relevant marking, authorisation, registration, approval and documentation requirements as required under Law and Guidance relating to the sale, manufacture, assembly, importation, storage, distribution, supply, delivery, or installation of such Goods shall have been complied with. Without limitation to the foregoing provisions of this Clause 10.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall, upon written request from the Authority, make available to the Authority evidence of the grant of such valid CE marking, and evidence of any other authorisations, registrations, approvals or documentation required;
- 10.2.2 at the point such Goods are supplied to the Authority, all such Goods which are medicinal products shall have a valid marketing authorisation as required by Law and Guidance in order to supply the Goods to the Authority and that all relevant authorisation, labelling, registration, approval and documentation requirements as required under Law and Guidance relating to the sale, manufacture, assembly, importation, storage, distribution, supply or delivery of such Goods shall have been complied with. Without limitation to the foregoing provisions of this Clause 10.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall, upon written request from the Authority, make available to the Authority evidence of the grant of any required valid marketing authorisation, and evidence of any other authorisations, labelling, registrations, approvals or documentation required; and
- 10.2.3 it shall maintain, and no later than any due date when it would otherwise expire, obtain a renewal of, any authorisation, registration or approval (including without limitation CE marking and/or marketing authorisation) required in relation to the Goods in accordance with Law and Guidance until such time as the Goods expire or the Authority notifies the Supplier in writing that it has used or disposed of all units of the Goods supplied under this Contract.
- 10.3 If the Supplier is in breach of Clause 10.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Authority, the Authority shall be entitled to reject and/or return the Goods and/or give a Termination Notice of this Contract to the Supplier and the Supplier shall, subject to Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, indemnify and keep the Authority indemnified against, any loss, damages, costs, expenses (including

without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings suffered or incurred by the Authority as a result of such breach.

- 10.4 The Supplier agrees to use reasonable endeavours to assign to the Authority upon request the benefit of any warranty, guarantee or similar right which it has against any third party manufacturer or supplier of the Goods in full or part.
- 10.5 The Supplier warrants that all information, data and other records and documents required by the Authority as set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document shall be submitted to the Authority in the format and in accordance with any timescales set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document.
- 10.6 The Supplier warrants and undertakes to the Authority that it shall comply with any eProcurement Guidance as it may apply to the Supplier and shall carry out all reasonable acts required of the Supplier to enable the Authority to comply with such eProcurement Guidance.
- 10.7 The Supplier warrants and undertakes to the Authority that, as at the Commencement Date, it has notified the Authority in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation that it is involved in that is in connection with any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance. If, at any point during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier shall:
- 10.7.1 notify the Authority in writing of such fact within five (5) Business Days of its occurrence; and
  - 10.7.2 promptly provide to the Authority:
    - (i) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
    - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.
- 10.8 The Supplier further warrants and undertakes to the Authority that it will inform the Authority in writing immediately upon becoming aware that any of the warranties set out in Clause 10 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions have been breached or there is a risk that any warranties may be breached.
- 10.9 Any warranties provided under this Contract are both independent and cumulative and may be enforced independently or collectively at the sole discretion of the enforcing Party.

## **11 Intellectual property**

- 11.1 Unless specified otherwise in the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Supplier hereby grants to the Authority, for the life of the use of Goods by the Authority, an irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence of any Intellectual Property Rights required for the purposes of receiving and using, and to the extent necessary to receive and use, the Goods (to include any associated technical or other documentation and



information supplied or made accessible to the Authority in any media) in accordance with this Contract.

## **12 Indemnity**

12.1 The Supplier shall be liable to the Authority for, and shall indemnify and keep the Authority indemnified against, any loss, damages, costs, expenses (including without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings in respect of:

12.1.1 any injury or allegation of injury to any person, including injury resulting in death;

12.1.2 any loss of or damage to property (whether real or personal); and/or

12.1.3 any breach of Clause 10.1.19 and/or Clause 11 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;

that arise or result from the Supplier's negligent acts or omissions or breach of contract in connection with the performance of this Contract including the supply of the Goods, except to the extent that such loss, damages, costs, expenses (including without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings have been caused by any act or omission by, or on behalf of, or in accordance with the instructions of, the Authority.

12.2 Liability under Clauses 12.1.1 and 12.1.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and Clause 2.5 of Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be unlimited. Liability under Clauses 4.9.4, 10.3 and 12.1.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be subject to the limitation of liability set out in Clause 13 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.

12.3 In relation to all third party claims against the Authority, which are the subject of any indemnity given by the Supplier under this Contract, the Authority shall use its reasonable endeavours, upon a written request from the Supplier, to transfer the conduct of such claims to the Supplier unless restricted from doing so. Such restrictions may include, without limitation, any restrictions:

12.3.1 relating to any legal, regulatory, governance, information governance, or confidentiality obligations on the Authority; and/or

12.3.2 relating to the Authority's membership of any indemnity and/or risk pooling arrangements.

Such transfer shall be subject to the Parties agreeing appropriate terms for such conduct of the third party claim by the Supplier (to include, without limitation, the right of the Authority to be informed and consulted on the ongoing conduct of the claim following such transfer and any reasonable cooperation required by the Supplier from the Authority).

## **13 Limitation of liability**

13.1 Nothing in this Contract shall exclude or restrict the liability of either Party:

13.1.1 for death or personal injury resulting from its negligence;



- 13.1.2 for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or
  - 13.1.3 in any other circumstances where liability may not be limited or excluded under any applicable law.
- 13.2 Subject to Clauses 12.2, 13.1, 13.3 and 13.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the total liability of each Party to the other under or in connection with this Contract whether arising in contract, tort, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall be limited in aggregate to the greater of: (a) five million GBP (£5,000,000); or (b) one hundred and twenty five percent (125%) of the total Contract Price paid or payable by the Authority to the Supplier for the Goods.
- 13.3 There shall be no right to claim losses, damages and/or other costs and expenses under or in connection with this Contract whether arising in contract (to include, without limitation, under any relevant indemnity), tort, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise to the extent that any losses, damages and/or other costs and expenses claimed are in respect of loss of production, loss of business opportunity or are in respect of indirect loss of any nature suffered or alleged. For the avoidance of doubt, without limitation, the Parties agree that for the purposes of this Contract the following costs, expenses and/or loss of income shall be direct recoverable losses (to include under any relevant indemnity) provided such costs, expenses and/or loss of income are properly evidenced by the claiming Party:
- 13.3.1 extra costs incurred purchasing replacement or alternative goods;
  - 13.3.2 costs incurred in relation to any product recall;
  - 13.3.3 costs associated with advising, screening, testing, treating, retreating or otherwise providing healthcare to patients;
  - 13.3.4 the costs of extra management time; and/or
  - 13.3.5 loss of income due to an inability to provide health care services,
- in each case to the extent to which such costs, expenses and/or loss of income arise or result from the other Party's breach of contract, negligent act or omission, breach of statutory duty, and/or other liability under or in connection with this Contract.
- 13.4 Each Party shall at all times take all reasonable steps to minimise and mitigate any loss for which that Party is entitled to bring a claim against the other pursuant to this Contract.
- 13.5 If the total Contract Price paid or payable by the Authority to the Supplier over the Term:
- 13.5.1 is less than or equal to one million pounds (£1,000,000), then the figure of five million pounds (£5,000,000) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be replaced with one million pounds (£1,000,000);
  - 13.5.2 is less than or equal to three million pounds (£3,000,000) but greater than one million pounds (£1,000,000), then the figure of five million pounds



(£5,000,000) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be replaced with three million pounds (£3,000,000);

13.5.3 is equal to, exceeds or will exceed ten million pounds (£10,000,000), but is less than fifty million pounds (£50,000,000), then the figure of five million pounds (£5,000,000) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be replaced with ten million pounds (£10,000,000) and the figure of one hundred and twenty five percent (125%) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to have been deleted and replaced with one hundred and fifteen percent (115%); and

13.5.4 is equal to, exceeds or will exceed fifty million pounds (£50,000,000), then the figure of five million pounds (£5,000,000) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be replaced with fifty million pounds (£50,000,000) and the figure of one hundred and twenty five percent (125%) at Clause 13.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to have been deleted and replaced with one hundred and five percent (105%).

13.6 Clause 13 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall survive the expiry of or earlier termination of this Contract for any reason.

## **14 Insurance**

14.1 Subject to Clauses 14.2 and 14.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and unless otherwise confirmed in writing by the Authority, as a minimum level of protection, the Supplier shall put in place and/or maintain in force at its own cost with a reputable commercial insurer, insurance arrangements in respect of employer's liability, public liability and product liability in accordance with Good Industry Practice with the minimum cover per claim of the greater of five million pounds (£5,000,000) or any sum as required by Law unless otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing. These requirements shall not apply to the extent that the Supplier is a member and maintains membership of each of the indemnity schemes run by the NHS Litigation Authority.

14.2 Without limitation to any insurance arrangements as required by Law, the Supplier shall put in place and/or maintain the different types and/or levels of indemnity arrangements specified in the Framework Agreement, if any.

14.3 Provided that the Supplier maintains all indemnity arrangements required by Law, the Supplier may self insure in order to meet other relevant requirements referred to at Clauses 14.1 and 14.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions on condition that such self insurance arrangements offer the appropriate levels of protection and are approved by the Authority in writing prior to the Commencement Date.

14.4 The amount of any indemnity cover and/or self insurance arrangements shall not relieve the Supplier of any liabilities under this Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Supplier to determine the amount of indemnity and/or self insurance cover that will be adequate to enable it to satisfy its potential liabilities under this Contract. Accordingly, the Supplier shall be liable to make good any deficiency if the proceeds



of any indemnity cover and/or self insurance arrangement is insufficient to cover the settlement of any claim.

- 14.5 The Supplier warrants that it shall not take any action or fail to take any reasonable action or (in so far as it is reasonable and within its power) permit or allow others to take or fail to take any action, as a result of which its insurance cover may be rendered void, voidable, unenforceable, or be suspended or impaired in whole or in part, or which may otherwise render any sum paid out under such insurances repayable in whole or in part.
- 14.6 The Supplier shall from time to time and in any event within five (5) Business Days of written demand provide documentary evidence to the Authority that insurance arrangements taken out by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 14 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and/or the provisions of the Framework Agreement are fully maintained and that any premiums on them and/or contributions in respect of them (if any) are fully paid.
- 14.7 Upon the expiry or earlier termination of this Contract, the Supplier shall ensure that any ongoing liability it has or may have arising out of this Contract shall continue to be the subject of appropriate indemnity arrangements for the period of twenty one (21) years from termination or expiry of this Contract or until such earlier date as that liability may reasonably be considered to have ceased to exist.

## **15 Term and termination**

- 15.1 This Contract shall commence on the Commencement Date and unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Contract or the general law, shall continue until the end of the Term.
- 15.2 The Authority:
- 15.2.1 subject to Clause 15.2.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, shall be entitled to extend the Term on one or more occasions by giving the Supplier written notice no less than three (3) months prior to the date on which this Contract would otherwise have expired, provided that the duration of this Contract shall be no longer than the total term referred to in the Key Provisions; or
- 15.2.2 where the Term or any extension of the Term expires at a date the same as or after expiry of the Framework Agreement (including any extensions of the Framework Agreement in accordance with its terms), shall only be entitled to extend the Term with the prior written agreement of the Supplier, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 15.3 In the case of a breach of any of the terms of this Contract by either Party that is capable of remedy (including, without limitation any breach of any KPI and, subject to Clause 9.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-Off Terms and Conditions, any breach of any payment obligations under this Contract), the non-breaching Party may, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under this Contract, issue a Breach Notice and shall allow the Party in breach the opportunity to remedy such breach in the first instance via a remedial proposal put forward by the Party in breach (“**Remedial Proposal**”) before exercising any right to terminate this Contract in accordance with Clause 15.4(ii) of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions. Such



Remedial Proposal must be agreed with the non-breaching Party (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and must be implemented by the Party in breach in accordance with the timescales referred to in the agreed Remedial Proposal. Once agreed, any changes to a Remedial Proposal must be approved by the Parties in writing. Any failure by the Party in breach to:

- 15.3.1 put forward and agree a Remedial Proposal with the non-breaching Party in relation to the relevant default or breach within a period of ten (10) Business Days (or such other period as the non-breaching Party may agree in writing) from written notification of the relevant default or breach from the non-breaching Party;
- 15.3.2 comply with such Remedial Proposal (including, without limitation, as to its timescales for implementation, which shall be thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed between the Parties); and/or
- 15.3.3 remedy the default or breach notwithstanding the implementation of such Remedial Proposal in accordance with the agreed timescales for implementation,

shall be deemed, for the purposes of Clause 15.4(ii) of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, a material breach of this Contract by the Party in breach not remedied in accordance with an agreed Remedial Proposal.

- 15.4 Either Party may terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the other Party if such other Party commits a material breach of any of the terms of this Contract which is:
  - (i) not capable of remedy; or
  - (ii) in the case of a breach capable of remedy, which is not remedied in accordance with a Remedial Proposal.
- 15.5 The Authority may terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier if:
  - 15.5.1 the Supplier, or any third party guaranteeing the obligations of the Supplier under this Contract, ceases or threatens to cease carrying on its business; suspends making payments on any of its debts or announces an intention to do so; is, or is deemed for the purposes of any Law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or insolvent; enters into or proposes any composition, assignment or arrangement with its creditors generally; takes any step or suffers any step to be taken in relation to its winding-up, dissolution, administration (whether out of court or otherwise) or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) otherwise than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation; has a liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, judicial custodian, compulsory manager, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or similar officer appointed (in each case, whether out of court or otherwise) in respect of it or any of its assets; has any security over any of its assets enforced; or any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction;



- 15.5.2 the Supplier undergoes a change of control within the meaning of sections 450 and 451 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (other than for an intra-group change of control) without the prior written consent of the Authority and the Authority shall be entitled to withhold such consent if, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, the proposed change of control will have a material impact on the performance of this Contract or the reputation of the Authority;
  - 15.5.3 the Supplier purports to assign, Sub-contract, novate, create a trust in or otherwise transfer or dispose of this Contract in breach of Clause 28.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
  - 15.5.4 pursuant to and in accordance with any termination rights set out in any Key Provisions and Clauses 15.6, 23.8; 25.2; 25.4 and 29.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions; or
  - 15.5.5 the warranty given by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 10.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions is materially untrue, the Supplier commits a material breach of its obligation to notify the Authority of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as required by Clause 10.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, or the Supplier fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors as required by Clause 10.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority are acceptable.
- 15.6 If the Authority, acting reasonably, has good cause to believe that there has been a material deterioration in the financial circumstances of the Supplier and/or any third party guaranteeing the obligations of the Supplier under this Contract and/or any material Sub-contractor of the Supplier when compared to any information provided to and/or assessed by the Authority as part of any procurement process or other due diligence leading to the award of this Contract to the Supplier or the entering into a Sub-contract by the Supplier, the following process shall apply:
- 15.6.1 the Authority may (but shall not be obliged to) give notice to the Supplier requesting adequate financial or other security and/or assurances for due performance of its material obligations under this Contract on such reasonable and proportionate terms as the Authority may require within a reasonable time period as specified in such notice;
  - 15.6.2 a failure or refusal by the Supplier to provide the financial or other security and/or assurances requested in accordance with Clause 15.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions in accordance with any reasonable timescales specified in any such notice issued by the Authority shall be deemed a breach of this Contract by the Supplier and shall be referred to and resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure; and
  - 15.6.3 a failure to resolve such breach in accordance with such Dispute Resolution Procedure by the end of the escalation stage of such process (as set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions) shall entitle, but shall not compel, the Authority to terminate this Contract in accordance with Clause 15.4(i) of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.



- 15.6.4 In order that the Authority may act reasonably in exercising its discretion in accordance with Clause 15.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall provide the Authority with such reasonable and proportionate up-to-date financial or other information relating to the Supplier or any relevant third party entity upon request.
- 15.7 The Authority may terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier where:
- 15.7.1 the Contract has been substantially amended to the extent that the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 require a new procurement procedure;
  - 15.7.2 the Authority has become aware that the Supplier should have been excluded under Regulation 57(1) or (2) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 from the procurement procedure leading to the award of this Contract;
  - 15.7.3 the Contract should not have been awarded to the Supplier in view of a serious infringement of obligations under European law declared by the Court of Justice of the European Union under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU; or
  - 15.7.4 there has been a failure by the Supplier and/or one its Sub-contractors to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law. Where the failure to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law is a failure by one of the Supplier's Sub-contractors, the Authority may request the replacement of such Sub-contractor and the Supplier shall comply with such request as an alternative to the Authority terminating this Contract under this Clause 15.7.4.
- 15.8 If the Authority novates this Contract to any body that is not a Contracting Authority, from the effective date of such novation, the rights of the Authority to terminate this Contract in accordance with Clause 15.5.1 to Clause 15.5.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be deemed mutual termination rights and the Supplier may terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the entity assuming the position of the Authority if any of the circumstances referred to in such Clauses apply to the entity assuming the position of the Authority.
- 15.9 The Authority may terminate this Contract without further liability by issuing a Termination Notice in the event that the Framework Agreement is terminated under clauses 15.4(ii), 15.7.4, 15.9 or 15.10 of the Framework Agreement.

## **16 Consequences of expiry or early termination of this Contract**

- 16.1 Upon expiry or earlier termination of this Contract, the Authority agrees to pay the Supplier for the Goods which have been supplied by the Supplier and not rejected by the Authority in accordance with this Contract prior to expiry or earlier termination of this Contract.
- 16.2 The Supplier shall cooperate fully with the Authority or, as the case may be, any replacement supplier during any re-procurement and handover period prior to and following the expiry or earlier termination of this Contract. This cooperation shall

extend to providing access to all information relevant to the operation of this Contract, as reasonably required by the Authority to achieve a fair and transparent re-procurement and/or an effective transition without disruption to routine operational requirements. Any Personal Data Processed by the Supplier on behalf of the Authority shall be returned to the Authority or destroyed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Data Protection Protocol.

- 16.3 The expiry or earlier termination of this Contract for whatever reason shall not affect any rights or obligations of either Party which accrued prior to such expiry or earlier termination.
- 16.4 The expiry or earlier termination of this Contract shall not affect any obligations which expressly or by implication are intended to come into or continue in force on or after such expiry or earlier termination.
- 16.5 Save as provided for in the Contract, the expiry or earlier termination of the Framework Agreement shall not affect this Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, any obligations set out in the Framework Agreement that form part of this Contract shall continue to apply for the purposes of this Contract notwithstanding any termination of the Framework Agreement.

## **17 Packaging, identification and end of use**

- 17.1 The Supplier shall comply with all obligations imposed on it by Law relevant to the Goods in relation to packaging, identification, and obligations following end of use by the Authority.
- 17.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document or otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing, the Goods shall be securely packed in trade packages of a type normally used by the Supplier for deliveries of the same or similar goods in the same quantities within the United Kingdom.
- 17.3 The Supplier shall comply with any labelling requirements in respect of the Goods: (a) specified in the Specification and Tender Response Document; (b) agreed with the Authority in writing; and/or (c) required to comply with Law or Guidance.
- 17.4 The Supplier shall ensure that all Goods that are required by Law or Guidance to bear any safety information, environmental information, any mark, tab, brand, label, serial numbers or other device indicating place of origin, inspection by any government or other body or standard of quality at the point such Goods are delivered shall comply with such requirements at the point of delivery.
- 17.5 Unless otherwise set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document or agreed with the Authority in writing, the Supplier shall collect without charge any returnable containers and/or packages (including pallets) within twenty one (21) days of the date of the relevant delivery. Empty containers and/or packages not so removed may be returned by the Authority at the Supplier's expense or otherwise disposed of at the Authority's discretion. The Supplier shall credit the Authority in full for any containers for which the Authority has been charged upon their collection, return and/or disposal by the Authority in accordance with Clause 17.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.



## **18 Coding requirements**

- 18.1 Unless otherwise confirmed and/or agreed by the Authority in writing and subject to Clause 18.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall ensure full compliance with any Guidance issued by the Department of Health in relation to the adoption of GS1 and PEPPOL standards (to include, without limitation, any supplier compliance timeline and other policy requirements published by the Department of Health in relation to the adoption of GS1 and PEPPOL standards for master data provision and exchange, barcode labelling, and purchase-to-pay transacting).
- 18.2 Once compliance with any published timelines has been achieved by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 18.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall, during the Term, maintain the required level of compliance relating to the Goods in accordance with any such requirements and Guidance referred to as part of this Contract.
- 18.3 Once product information relating to Goods is placed by the Supplier into a GS1 certified data pool, the Supplier shall, during the Term, keep such information updated with any changes to the product data relating to the Goods.

## **19 Sustainable development**

- 19.1 The Supplier shall comply in all material respects with applicable environmental and social and labour Law requirements in force from time to time in relation to the Goods. Where the provisions of any such Law are implemented by the use of voluntary agreements, the Supplier shall comply with such agreements as if they were incorporated into English law subject to those voluntary agreements being cited in the Specification and Tender Response Document. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Supplier shall:
- 19.1.1 comply with all Policies and/or procedures and requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document in relation to any stated environmental and social and labour requirements, characteristics and impacts of the Goods and the Supplier's supply chain;
  - 19.1.2 maintain relevant policy statements documenting the Supplier's significant labour, social and environmental aspects as relevant to the Goods being supplied and as proportionate to the nature and scale of the Supplier's business operations; and
  - 19.1.3 maintain plans and procedures that support the commitments made as part of the Supplier's significant labour, social and environmental policies, as referred to at Clause 19.1.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 19.2 The Supplier shall meet reasonable requests by the Authority for information evidencing the Supplier's compliance with the provisions of Clause 19 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.



## **20 Electronic product information**

- 20.1 Where requested by the Authority, the Supplier shall provide the Authority the Product Information in such manner and upon such media as agreed between the Supplier and the Authority from time to time for the sole use by the Authority.
- 20.2 The Supplier warrants that the Product Information is complete and accurate as at the date upon which it is delivered to the Authority and that the Product Information shall not contain any data or statement which gives rise to any liability on the part of the Authority following publication of the same in accordance with Clause 20 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 20.3 If the Product Information ceases to be complete and accurate, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Authority in writing of any modification or addition to or any inaccuracy or omission in the Product Information.
- 20.4 The Supplier grants the Authority a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use and exploit the Product Information and any Intellectual Property Rights in the Product Information for the purpose of illustrating the range of goods and services (including, without limitation, the Goods) available pursuant to the Authority's contracts from time to time. Subject to Clause 20.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, no obligation to illustrate or advertise the Product Information is imposed on the Authority, as a consequence of the licence conferred by this Clause 20.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 20.5 The Authority may reproduce for its sole use the Product Information provided by the Supplier in the Authority's product catalogue from time to time which may be made available on any NHS communications networks in electronic format and/or made available on the Authority's external website and/or made available on other digital media from time to time.
- 20.6 Before any publication of the Product Information (electronic or otherwise) is made by the Authority, the Authority will submit a copy of the relevant sections of the Authority's product catalogue to the Supplier for approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For the avoidance of doubt the Supplier shall have no right to compel the Authority to exhibit the Product Information in any product catalogue as a result of the approval given by it pursuant to this Clause 20.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions or otherwise under the terms of this Contract.
- 20.7 If requested in writing by the Authority, and to the extent not already agreed as part of the Specification and Tender Response Document, the Supplier and the Authority shall discuss and seek to agree in good faith arrangements to use any Electronic Trading System.

## **21 Change management**

- 21.1 The Supplier acknowledges to the Authority that the Authority's requirements for the Goods may change during the Term and the Supplier shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent to any reasonable variation or addition to the Specification and Tender Response Document, as may be requested by the Authority from time to time.



- 21.2 Subject to Clause 21.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, any change to the Goods or other variation to this Contract shall only be binding once it has been agreed in writing and signed by an authorised representative of both Parties.
- 21.3 Any change to the Data Protection Protocol shall be made in accordance with the relevant provisions of that protocol.

## **22 Dispute resolution**

- 22.1 During any Dispute, including a Dispute as to the validity of this Contract, it is agreed that the Supplier shall continue its performance of the provisions of the Contract (unless the Authority requests in writing that the Supplier does not do so).
- 22.2 In the case of a Dispute arising out of or in connection with this Contract the Supplier and the Authority shall make every reasonable effort to communicate and cooperate with each other with a view to resolving the Dispute and follow the procedure set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions as the first stage in the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 22.3 If any Dispute arises out of the Contract either Party may serve a notice on the other Party to commence formal resolution of the Dispute. The Parties shall first seek to resolve the Dispute by escalation in accordance with the management levels as set out in Clause 6 of the Key Provisions. Respective representatives at each level, as set out in Clause 5 of the Key Provisions, shall have five (5) Business Days at each level during which they will use their reasonable endeavours to resolve the Dispute before escalating the matter to the next level until all levels have been exhausted. Level 1 will commence on the date of service of the Dispute Notice. The final level of the escalation process shall be deemed exhausted on the expiry of five (5) Business Days following escalation to that level unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
- 22.4 If the procedure set out in Clause 22.3 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions above has been exhausted and fails to resolve such Dispute, as part of the Dispute Resolution Procedure, the Parties will attempt to settle it by mediation. The Parties shall, acting reasonably, attempt to agree upon a mediator. In the event that the Parties fail to agree a mediator within five (5) Business Days following the exhaustion of all levels of the escalation procedure at Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the mediator shall be nominated and confirmed by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London.
- 22.5 The mediation shall commence within twenty eight (28) days of the confirmation of the mediator in accordance with Clause 22.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions or at such other time as may be agreed by the Parties in writing. Neither Party will terminate such mediation process until each Party has made its opening presentation and the mediator has met each Party separately for at least one hour or one Party has failed to participate in the mediation process. After this time, either Party may terminate the mediation process by notification to the other party (such notification may be verbal provided that it is followed up by written confirmation). The Authority and the Supplier will cooperate with any person appointed as mediator providing them with such information and other assistance as they shall require and will pay their costs, as they shall determine or in the absence of such determination such costs will be shared equally.



- 22.6 Nothing in this Contract shall prevent:
- 22.6.1 the Authority taking action in any court in relation to any death or personal injury arising or allegedly arising in connection with the supply of the Goods; or
  - 22.6.2 either Party seeking from any court any interim or provisional relief that may be necessary to protect the rights or property of that Party or that relates to the safety of patients or the security of Confidential Information, pending resolution of the relevant Dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 22.7 Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall survive the expiry of or earlier termination of this Contract for any reason.

### **23 Force majeure**

- 23.1 Subject to Clause 23.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions neither Party shall be liable to the other for any failure to perform all or any of its obligations under this Contract nor liable to the other Party for any loss or damage arising out of the failure to perform its obligations to the extent only that such performance is rendered impossible by a Force Majeure Event.
- 23.2 The Supplier shall only be entitled to rely on a Force Majeure Event and the relief set out in Clause 23 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and will not be considered to be in default or liable for breach of any obligations under this Contract if:
- 23.2.1 the Supplier has fulfilled its obligations pursuant to Clause 6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
  - 23.2.2 the Force Majeure Event does not arise directly or indirectly as a result of any wilful or negligent act or default of the Supplier; and
  - 23.2.3 the Supplier has complied with the procedural requirements set out in Clause 23 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.
- 23.3 Where a Party is (or claims to be) affected by a Force Majeure Event it shall use reasonable endeavours to mitigate the consequences of such a Force Majeure Event upon the performance of its obligations under this Contract and to resume the performance of its obligations affected by the Force Majeure Event as soon as practicable.
- 23.4 Where the Force Majeure Event affects the Supplier's ability to perform part of its obligations under the Contract the Supplier shall fulfil all such contractual obligations that are not so affected and shall not be relieved from its liability to do so.
- 23.5 If either Party is prevented or delayed in the performance of its obligations under this Contract by a Force Majeure Event, that Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable serve notice in writing on the other Party specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to its failure to perform or any anticipated delay in performance of its obligations.



- 23.6 Subject to service of such notice, the Party affected by such circumstances shall have no liability for its failure to perform or for any delay in performance of its obligations affected by the Force Majeure Event only for so long as such circumstances continue and for such time after they cease as is necessary for that Party, using its best endeavours, to recommence its affected operations in order for it to perform its obligations.
- 23.7 The Party claiming relief shall notify the other in writing as soon as the consequences of the Force Majeure Event have ceased and of when performance of its affected obligations can be resumed.
- 23.8 If the Supplier is prevented from performance of its obligations as a result of a Force Majeure Event, the Authority may at any time, if the Force Majeure Event subsists for thirty (30) days or more, terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier.
- 23.9 Following such termination in accordance with Clause 23.8 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and subject to Clause 23.10 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, neither Party shall have any liability to the other.
- 23.10 Any rights and liabilities of either Party which have accrued prior to such termination in accordance with Clause 23.8 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise specified in this Contract.

## **24 Records retention and right of audit**

- 24.1 Subject to any statutory requirement and Clause 24.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall keep secure and maintain for the Term and six (6) years afterwards, or such longer period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of all matters relating to this Contract.
- 24.2 Where any records could be relevant to a claim for personal injury such records shall be kept secure and maintained for a period of twenty one (21) years from the date of expiry or earlier termination of this Contract.
- 24.3 The Authority shall have the right to audit the Supplier's compliance with this Contract. The Supplier shall permit or procure permission for the Authority or its authorised representative during normal business hours having given advance written notice of no less than five (5) Business Days, access to any person, premises and facilities, books and records reasonably required to audit the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under this Contract.
- 24.4 Should the Supplier Sub-contract any of its obligations under this Contract, the Authority shall have the right to audit and inspect such third party. The Supplier shall procure permission for the Authority or its authorised representative during normal business hours, having given advance written notice of no less than five (5) Business Days, access to any person, premises and facilities, books and records used in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract that are Sub-contracted to such third party. The Supplier shall cooperate with such audit and inspection and accompany the Authority or its authorised representative if requested.

- 24.5 The Supplier shall grant to the Authority or its authorised representative, such access to those records as they may reasonably require in order to check the Supplier's compliance with this Contract for the purposes of:
- 24.5.1 the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts; or
  - 24.5.2 any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economic efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.
- 24.6 The Comptroller and Auditor General may examine such documents as they may reasonably require which are owned, held or otherwise within the control of the Supplier and may require the Supplier to provide such oral and/or written explanations as they consider necessary. Clause 24 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions does not constitute a requirement or agreement for the examination, certification or inspection of the accounts of the Supplier under sections 6(3)(d) and 6(5) of the National Audit Act 1983.
- 24.7 The Supplier shall provide reasonable cooperation to the Authority, its representatives and any regulatory body in relation to any audit, review, investigation or enquiry carried out in relation to the subject matter of this Contract.
- 24.8 The Supplier shall provide all reasonable information as may be reasonably requested by the Authority to evidence the Supplier's compliance with the requirements of this Contract.

## **25 Conflicts of interest and the prevention of fraud**

- 25.1 The Supplier shall take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Supplier nor any Staff are placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of this Contract. The Supplier will disclose to the Authority full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.
- 25.2 The Authority reserves the right to terminate this Contract immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of this Contract. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this Clause 25.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall subsequently accrue to the Authority.
- 25.3 The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to prevent Fraud by Staff and the Supplier (including its owners, members and directors). The Supplier shall notify the Authority immediately if it has reason to suspect that any Fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.
- 25.4 If the Supplier or its Staff commits Fraud the Authority may terminate this Contract and recover from the Supplier the amount of any direct loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination.



**26 Equality and human rights**

**26.1** The Supplier shall:

26.1.1 ensure that (a) it does not, whether as employer or as supplier of the Goods, and any associated services engage in any act or omission that would contravene the Equality Legislation, and (b) it complies with all its obligations as an employer or supplier of the Goods and any associated services as set out in the Equality Legislation and take reasonable endeavours to ensure its Staff do not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning of the Equality Legislation;

26.1.2 in the management of its affairs and the development of its equality and diversity policies, cooperate with the Authority in light of the Authority's obligations to comply with its statutory equality duties whether under the Equality Act 2010 or otherwise. The Supplier shall take such reasonable and proportionate steps as the Authority considers appropriate to promote equality and diversity, including race equality, equality of opportunity for disabled people, gender equality, and equality relating to religion and belief, sexual orientation and age; and

26.1.3 the Supplier shall impose on all its Sub-contractors and suppliers, obligations substantially similar to those imposed on the Supplier by Clause 26 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.

26.2 The Supplier shall meet reasonable requests by the Authority for information evidencing the Supplier's compliance with the provisions of Clause 26 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.

**27 Notice**

27.1 Subject to Clause 22.5 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, any notice required to be given by either Party under this Contract shall be in writing quoting the date of the Contract and shall be delivered by hand or sent by prepaid first class recorded delivery or by email to the person referred to in the Order Form or such other person as one Party may inform the other Party in writing from time to time or to a director of the relevant Party at the head office, main UK office or registered office of such Party.

27.2 A notice shall be treated as having been received:

27.2.1 if delivered by hand within normal business hours when so delivered or, if delivered by hand outside normal business hours, at the next start of normal business hours; or

27.2.2 if sent by first class recorded delivery mail on a normal Business Day, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day subsequent to the day of posting, or, if the notice was not posted on a Business Day, at 9.00 am on the third Business Day subsequent to the day of posting; or

27.2.3 if sent by email, if sent within normal business hours when so sent or, if sent outside normal business hours, at the next start of normal business hours provided the sender has either received an electronic confirmation of



delivery or has telephoned the recipient to inform the recipient that the email has been sent.

## **28 Assignment, novation and Sub-contracting**

- 28.1 The Supplier shall not, except where Clause 28.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions applies, assign, Sub-contract, novate, create a trust in, or in any other way dispose of the whole or any part of this Contract without the prior consent in writing of the Authority, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If the Supplier Sub-contracts any of its obligations under this Contract, every act or omission of the Sub-contractor shall for the purposes of this Contract be deemed to be the act or omission of the Supplier and the Supplier shall be liable to the Authority as if such act or omission had been committed or omitted by the Supplier itself.
- 28.2 Notwithstanding Clause 28.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier may assign to a third party (“**Assignee**”) the right to receive payment of any sums due and owing to the Supplier under this Contract for which an invoice has been issued. Any assignment under this Clause 28.2 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be subject to:
- 28.2.1 the deduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under Clause 9.6 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
  - 28.2.2 all related rights of the Authority in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid;
  - 28.2.3 the Authority receiving notification of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective together with the Assignee’s contact information and bank account details to which the Authority shall make payment;
  - 28.2.4 the provisions of Clause 9 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions continuing to apply in all other respects after the assignment which shall not be amended without the prior written approval of the Authority; and
  - 28.2.5 payment to the Assignee being full and complete satisfaction of the Authority’s obligation to pay the relevant sums in accordance with this Contract.
- 28.3 Any authority given by the Authority for the Supplier to Sub-contract any of its obligations under this Contract shall not impose any duty on the Authority to enquire as to the competency of any authorised Sub-contractor. The Supplier shall ensure that any authorised Sub-contractor has the appropriate capability and capacity to perform the relevant obligations and that the obligations carried out by such Sub-contractor are fully in accordance with this Contract.
- 28.4 Where the Supplier enters into a Sub-contract in respect of any of its obligations under this Contract relating to the manufacture, supply, delivery or installation of or training in relation to the Goods, the Supplier shall include provisions in each such Sub-contract, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority in writing, which:



- 28.4.1 contain at least equivalent obligations as set out in this Contract in relation to such manufacture, supply, delivery or installation of or training in relation to the Goods to the extent relevant to such Sub-contracting;
- 28.4.2 contain at least equivalent obligations as set out in this Contract in respect of confidentiality, information security, data protection, Intellectual Property Rights, compliance with Law and Guidance and record keeping;
- 28.4.3 contain a prohibition on the Sub-contractor Sub-contracting, assigning or novating any of its rights or obligations under such Sub-contract without the prior written approval of the Authority (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
- 28.4.4 contain a right for the Authority to take an assignment or novation of the Sub-contract (or part of it) upon expiry or earlier termination of this Contract;
- 28.4.5 requires the Supplier or other party receiving goods under the contract to consider and verify invoices under that contract in a timely fashion;
- 28.4.6 provides that if the Supplier or other party fails to consider and verify an invoice in accordance with Clause 28.4.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purpose of Clause 28.4.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-Off Terms and Conditions after a reasonable time has passed;
- 28.4.7 requires the Supplier or other party to pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed;
- 28.4.8 permitting the Supplier to terminate, or procure the termination of, the relevant Sub-contract in the event the Sub-contractor fails to comply in the performance of its Sub-contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law where the Supplier is required to replace such Sub-contractor in accordance with Clause 15.7.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
- 28.4.9 permitting the Supplier to terminate, or to procure the termination of, the relevant Sub-contract where the Supplier is required to replace such Sub-contractor in accordance with Clause 28.5 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-Off Terms and Conditions;
- 28.4.10 requires the Sub-contractor to include a clause to the same effect as this Clause 28.4 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions in any Sub-contract which it awards.

28.5 Where the Authority considers that the grounds for exclusion under Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply to any Sub-contractor, then:

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- 28.5.1 if the Authority finds there are compulsory grounds for exclusion, the Supplier shall ensure, or shall procure, that such Sub-contractor is replaced or not appointed; or
- 28.5.2 if the Authority finds there are non-compulsory grounds for exclusion, the Authority may require the Supplier to ensure, or to procure, that such Sub-contractor is replaced or not appointed and the Supplier shall comply with such a requirement.
- 28.6 The Supplier shall pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to a Sub-contractor within thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed. Where the Authority pays the Supplier's valid and undisputed invoices earlier than thirty (30) days from verification in accordance with any applicable government prompt payment targets, the Supplier shall use its reasonable endeavours to pay its relevant Sub-contractors within a comparable timeframe from verifying that an invoice is valid and undisputed.
- 28.7 The Authority shall upon written request have the right to review any Sub-contract entered into by the Supplier in respect of the provision of the Goods and the Supplier shall provide a certified copy of any Sub-contract within five (5) Business Days of the date of a written request from the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall have the right to redact any confidential pricing information in relation to such copies of Sub-contracts.
- 28.8 The Authority may at any time transfer, assign, novate, sub-contract or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under this Contract or any part of this Contract and the Supplier warrants that it will carry out all such reasonable further acts required to effect such transfer, assignment, novation, sub-contracting or disposal. If the Authority novates this Contract to any body that is not a Contracting Authority, from the effective date of such novation, the party assuming the position of the Authority shall not further transfer, assign, novate, sub-contract or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under this Contract or any part of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Supplier, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Supplier.

## **29 Prohibited Acts**

- 29.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:
- 29.1.1 it has not committed any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or done any of the following ("**Prohibited Acts**"):
- (i) offered, given or agreed to give any officer or employee of the Authority any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing or for having done or not having done any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of this or any other agreement with the Authority or for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this or any other agreement with the Authority; or
  - (ii) in connection with this Contract paid or agreed to pay any commission other than a payment, particulars of which (including



the terms and conditions of the agreement for its payment) have been disclosed in writing to the Authority; and

29.1.2 it has in place adequate procedures to prevent bribery and corruption, as contemplated by section 7 of the Bribery Act 2010.

29.2 If the Supplier or its Staff (or anyone acting on its or their behalf) has done or does any of the Prohibited Acts or has committed or commits any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 with or without the knowledge of the Supplier in relation to this or any other agreement with the Authority:

29.2.1 the Authority shall be entitled:

- (i) to terminate this Contract and recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from the termination;
- (ii) to recover from the Supplier the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission concerned; and
- (iii) to recover from the Supplier any other loss or expense sustained in consequence of the carrying out of the Prohibited Act or the commission of the offence under the Bribery Act 2010;

29.2.2 any termination under Clause 29.2.1 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy that has already accrued, or subsequently accrues, to the Authority; and

29.2.3 notwithstanding Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, any Dispute relating to:

- (i) the interpretation of Clause 29 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions; or
- (ii) the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission,

shall be determined by the Authority, acting reasonably, and the decision shall be final and conclusive.

### **30 General**

30.1 Each of the Parties is independent of the other and nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to imply that there is any relationship between the Parties of partnership or of principal/agent or of employer/employee nor are the Parties hereby engaging in a joint venture and accordingly neither of the Parties shall have any right or authority to act on behalf of the other nor to bind the other by agreement or otherwise, unless expressly permitted by the terms of this Contract.

30.2 Failure or delay by either Party to exercise an option or right conferred by this Contract shall not of itself constitute a waiver of such option or right.

30.3 The delay or failure by either Party to insist upon the strict performance of any provision, term or condition of this Contract or to exercise any right or remedy



consequent upon such breach shall not constitute a waiver of any such breach or any subsequent breach of such provision, term or condition.

- 30.4 Any provision of this Contract which is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating or rendering unenforceable the remaining provisions of this Contract and any such invalidity or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction.
- 30.5 Each Party acknowledges and agrees that it has not relied on any representation, warranty or undertaking (whether written or oral) in relation to the subject matter of this Contract and therefore irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have to claim damages against the other Party for any misrepresentation or undertaking (whether made carelessly or not) or for breach of any warranty unless the representation, undertaking or warranty relied upon is set out in this Contract or unless such representation, undertaking or warranty was made fraudulently.
- 30.6 Each Party shall bear its own expenses in relation to the preparation and execution of this Contract including all costs, legal fees and other expenses so incurred.
- 30.7 The rights and remedies provided in this Contract are independent, cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by general law, any rights or remedies provided elsewhere under this Contract or by any other contract or document. In this Clause 30.7 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, right includes any power, privilege, remedy, or proprietary or security interest.
- 30.8 A person who is not a party to this Contract shall have no right to enforce any terms of it which confer a benefit on such person. No such person shall be entitled to object to or be required to consent to any amendment to the provisions of this Contract.
- 30.9 This Contract, any variation in writing signed by an authorised representative of each Party and any document referred to (explicitly or by implication) in this Contract or any variation to this Contract, contain the entire understanding between the Supplier and the Authority relating to the supply of the Goods to the exclusion of all previous agreements, confirmations and understandings and there are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations whether oral or written, express or implied other than those contained or referred to in this Contract. Nothing in this Contract seeks to exclude either Party's liability for Fraud. Any tender conditions and/or disclaimers set out in the Authority's procurement documentation leading to the award of this Contract shall form part of this Contract.
- 30.10 This Contract, and any Dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter (including any non-contractual claims), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.
- 30.11 Subject to Clause 22 of this Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any Dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Contract or its subject matter.



30.12 All written and oral communications and all written material referred to under this Contract shall be in English.



**Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions**

**Information and Data Provisions**

**1 Confidentiality**

- 1.1 In respect of any Confidential Information it may receive directly or indirectly from the other Party (“**Discloser**”) and subject always to the remainder of Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, each Party (“**Recipient**”) undertakes to keep secret and strictly confidential and shall not disclose any such Confidential Information to any third party without the Discloser’s prior written consent provided that:
- 1.1.1 the Recipient shall not be prevented from using any general knowledge, experience or skills which were in its possession prior to the Commencement Date;
  - 1.1.2 the provisions of Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall not apply to any Confidential Information:
    - (i) which is in or enters the public domain other than by breach of this Contract or other act or omissions of the Recipient;
    - (ii) which is obtained from a third party who is lawfully authorised to disclose such information without any obligation of confidentiality;
    - (iii) which is authorised for disclosure by the prior written consent of the Discloser;
    - (iv) which the Recipient can demonstrate was in its possession without any obligation of confidentiality prior to receipt of the Confidential Information from the Discloser; or
    - (v) which the Recipient is required to disclose purely to the extent to comply with the requirements of any relevant stock exchange.
- 1.2 Nothing in Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall prevent the Recipient from disclosing Confidential Information where it is required to do so by judicial, administrative, governmental or regulatory process in connection with any action, suit, proceedings or claim or otherwise by applicable Law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”), Codes of Practice on Access to Government Information, on the Discharge of Public Authorities’ Functions or on the Management of Records (“**Codes of Practice**”) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (“**Environmental Regulations**”).
- 1.3 The Authority may disclose the Supplier’s Confidential Information:
- 1.3.1 on a confidential basis, to any Contracting Authority (the Parties agree that all Contracting Authorities receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other Contracting Authorities on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any Contracting Authority);



- 1.3.2 on a confidential basis, to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Authority and/or the Contracting Authority receiving such information;
- 1.3.3 to any relevant party for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts;
- 1.3.4 to any relevant party for any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources;
- 1.3.5 to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirements; or
- 1.3.6 on a confidential basis, to a proposed successor body in connection with any proposed or actual, assignment, novation or other disposal of rights, obligations, liabilities or property in connection with this Contract;

and for the purposes of this Contract, references to disclosure "on a confidential basis" shall mean the Authority making clear the confidential nature of such information and that it must not be further disclosed except in accordance with Law or this Clause 1.3 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions.

- 1.4 The Supplier may only disclose the Authority's Confidential Information, and any other information provided to the Supplier by the Authority in relation to this Contract, to the Supplier's Staff or professional advisors who are directly involved in the performance of or advising on the Supplier's obligations under this Contract. The Supplier shall ensure that such Staff or professional advisors are aware of and shall comply with the obligations in Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions as to confidentiality and that all information, including Confidential Information, is held securely, protected against unauthorised use or loss and, at the Authority's written discretion, destroyed securely or returned to the Authority when it is no longer required. The Supplier shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff do not, use any of the Authority's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of performing the Supplier's obligations in this Contract.
- 1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, save as required by Law or as otherwise set out in this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall not, without the prior written consent of the Authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), announce that it has entered into this Contract and/or that it has been appointed as a Supplier to the Authority and/or make any other announcements about this Contract.
- 1.6 Clause 1 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions shall remain in force:
  - 1.6.1 without limit in time in respect of Confidential Information which comprises Personal Data or which relates to national security; and
  - 1.6.2 for all other Confidential Information for a period of three (3) years after the expiry or earlier termination of this Contract unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.



## **2 Data protection**

- 2.1 The Parties acknowledge their respective duties under Data Protection Legislation and shall give each other all reasonable assistance as appropriate or necessary to enable each other to comply with those duties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall take reasonable steps to ensure it is familiar with the Data Protection Legislation and any obligations it may have under such Data Protection Legislation and shall comply with such obligations.
- 2.2 Where the Supplier is Processing Personal Data under or in connection with this Contract, the Parties shall comply with the Data Protection Protocol.
- 2.3 The Supplier and the Authority shall ensure that Personal Data is safeguarded at all times in accordance with the Law, and this obligation will include (if transferred electronically) only transferring Personal Data (a) if essential, having regard to the purpose for which the transfer is conducted; and (b) that is encrypted in accordance with any international data encryption standards for healthcare, and as otherwise required by those standards applicable to the Authority under any Law and Guidance (this includes, data transferred over wireless or wired networks, held on laptops, CDs, memory sticks and tapes).
- 2.4 Where any Personal Data is Processed by any Sub-contractor of the Supplier in connection with this Contract, the Supplier shall procure that such Sub-contractor shall comply with the relevant obligations set out in Clause 2 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, as if such Sub-contractor were the Supplier.
- 2.5 The Supplier shall indemnify and keep the Authority indemnified against, any loss, damages, costs, expenses (including without limitation legal costs and expenses), claims or proceedings whatsoever or howsoever arising from the Supplier's unlawful or unauthorised Processing, destruction and/or damage to Personal Data in connection with this Contract.

## **3 Freedom of Information and Transparency**

- 3.1 The Parties acknowledge the duties of Contracting Authorities under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and shall give each other all reasonable assistance as appropriate or necessary to enable compliance with those duties.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable it to comply with its disclosure obligations under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations. The Supplier agrees:
- 3.2.1 that this Contract and any recorded information held by the Supplier on the Authority's behalf for the purposes of this Contract are subject to the obligations and commitments of the Authority under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations;
- 3.2.2 that the decision on whether any exemption to the general obligations of public access to information applies to any request for information received under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations is a decision solely for the Authority;



- 3.2.3 that where the Supplier receives a request for information under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and the Supplier itself is subject to the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations it will liaise with the Authority as to the contents of any response before a response to a request is issued and will promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days) provide a copy of the request and any response to the Authority;
- 3.2.4 that where the Supplier receives a request for information under the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations and the Supplier is not itself subject to the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations, it will not respond to that request (unless directed to do so by the Authority) and will promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days) transfer the request to the Authority;
- 3.2.5 that the Authority, acting in accordance with the Codes of Practice issued and revised from time to time under both section 45 of FOIA, and regulation 16 of the Environmental Regulations, may disclose information concerning the Supplier and this Contract; and
- 3.2.6 to assist the Authority in responding to a request for information, by processing information or environmental information (as the same are defined in FOIA and the Environmental Regulations) in accordance with a records management system that complies with all applicable records management recommendations and codes of conduct issued under section 46 of FOIA, and providing copies of all information requested by the Authority within five (5) Business Days of that request and without charge.
- 3.3 The Parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations, the content of this Contract is not Confidential Information.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Supplier consents to the publication of this Contract in its entirety (including variations), subject only to the redaction of information that is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, Codes of Practice and Environmental Regulations.
- 3.5 In preparing a copy of this Contract for publication under Clause 3.4 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Authority may consult with the Supplier to inform decision making regarding any redactions but the final decision in relation to the redaction of information will be at the Authority's absolute discretion.
- 3.6 The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish this Contract.
- 3.7 Where any information is held by any Sub-contractor of the Supplier in connection with this Contract, the Supplier shall procure that such Sub-contractor shall comply with the relevant obligations set out in Clause 3 of this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, as if such Sub-contractor were the Supplier.



**4 Information Security**

4.1 Without limitation to any other information governance requirements set out in this Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall:

- 4.1.1 notify the Authority forthwith of any information security breaches or near misses (including without limitation any potential or actual breaches of confidentiality or actual information security breaches) in line with the Authority's information governance Policies; and
- 4.1.2 fully cooperate with any audits or investigations relating to information security and any privacy impact assessments undertaken by the Authority and shall provide full information as may be reasonably requested by the Authority in relation to such audits, investigations and assessments.



**Schedule 4 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions**

**Definitions and Interpretations**

**1 Definitions**

1.1 In this Contract the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

<b>“Authority”</b>	means the authority named on the Order Form;
<b>“Authority’s Obligations”</b>	means the Authority’s further obligations, if any, referred to in the Specification and Tender Response Document and/or the Order Form;
<b>“Breach Notice”</b>	means a written notice of breach given by one Party to the other, notifying the Party receiving the notice of its breach of this Contract;
<b>“Business Continuity Event”</b>	means any event or issue that could impact on the operations of the Supplier and its ability to supply the Goods including an influenza pandemic and any Force Majeure Event;
<b>“Business Continuity Plan”</b>	means the Supplier’s business continuity plan which includes its plans for continuity of the supply of the Goods during a Business Continuity Event;
<b>“Business Day”</b>	means any day other than Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a statutory bank holiday in England and Wales;
<b>“Call-off Terms and Conditions”</b>	means these Call-off Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods;
<b>“Codes of Practice”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Commencement Date”</b>	means 01 January 2022;
<b>“Confidential Information”</b>	means information, data and material of any nature, which either Party may receive or obtain in connection with the conclusion and/or operation of the Contract including any procurement process which is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Personal Data including without limitation which relates to any patient or other service user or his or her treatment or clinical or care history;</li> <li>(b) designated as confidential by either party or that ought reasonably to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored); and/or</li> </ul>



	(c) Policies and such other documents which the Supplier may obtain or have access to through the Authority's intranet;
<b>“Contract”</b>	means the Order Form, the provisions on the front page and all Schedules of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Specification and Tender Response Document and the applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement;
<b>“Contracting Authority”</b>	means any contracting authority as defined in Regulation 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) (as amended), other than the Authority;
<b>“Contract Manager”</b>	means for the Authority and for the Supplier the individuals specified in the Order Form or as otherwise agreed between the Parties in writing or such other person notified by a Party to the other Party from time to time in accordance with Clause 8.1 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Contract Price”</b>	means the price exclusive of VAT that is payable to the Supplier by the Authority under the Contract for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement and as confirmed in the Order Form;
<b>“Controller”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;
<b>“Data Protection Legislation”</b>	means (i) the Data Protection Act 1998 or, from the date it comes into force, the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (ii) the GDPR, the Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680) and any applicable national implementing Law as amended from time to time; and (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;
<b>“Data Protection Protocol”</b>	means any document of that name as provided to the Supplier by the Authority (as amended from time to time in accordance with its terms) which shall include, without limitation, any such document appended to the Order Form;
<b>“Defective Goods”</b>	has the meaning given under Clause 4.6 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Dispute(s)”</b>	means any dispute, difference or question of interpretation or construction arising out of or in connection with this Contract, including any dispute, difference or question of interpretation relating to the Goods, any matters of contractual construction and interpretation relating to the Contract, or any matter where this Contract directs the Parties to resolve an issue by reference to the Dispute Resolution Procedure;



<b>“Dispute Notice”</b>	means a written notice served by one Party to the other stating that the Party serving the notice believes there is a Dispute;
<b>“Dispute Resolution Procedure”</b>	means the process for resolving Disputes as set out in Clause 22 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“DOTAS”</b>	means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue and Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992;
<b>“Electronic Trading System(s)”</b>	means such electronic data interchange system and/or world wide web application and/or other application with such message standards and protocols as the Authority may specify from time to time;
<b>“Environmental Regulations”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“eProcurement Guidance”</b>	means the NHS eProcurement Strategy available via: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-procurement">http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-procurement</a> together with any further Guidance issued by the Department of Health in connection with it;
<b>“Equality Legislation”</b>	means any and all legislation, applicable guidance and statutory codes of practice relating to equality, diversity, non-discrimination and human rights as may be in force in England and Wales from time to time including, but not limited to, the Equality Act 2010, the Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 and the Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2034) and the Human Rights Act 1998;
<b>“FOIA”</b>	shall have the meaning given to the term in Clause 1.2 of Schedule 3 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Force Majeure Event”</b>	means any event beyond the reasonable control of the Party in question to include, without limitation:  (a) war including civil war (whether declared or undeclared), riot, civil commotion or armed conflict materially affecting either Party’s ability to perform its obligations under this Contract;



	<p>(b) acts of terrorism;</p> <p>(c) flood, storm or other natural disasters;</p> <p>(d) fire;</p> <p>(e) unavailability of public utilities and/or access to transport networks to the extent no diligent supplier could reasonably have planned for such unavailability as part of its business continuity planning;</p> <p>(f) government requisition or impoundment to the extent such requisition or impoundment does not result from any failure by the Supplier to comply with any relevant regulations, laws or procedures (including such laws or regulations relating to the payment of any duties or taxes) and subject to the Supplier having used all reasonable legal means to resist such requisition or impoundment;</p> <p>(g) compliance with any local law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction applicable outside of England and Wales that could not have been reasonably foreseen;</p> <p>(h) industrial action which affects the ability of the Supplier to supply the Goods, but which is not confined to the workforce of the Supplier or the workforce of any Sub-contractor of the Supplier; and</p> <p>(i) a failure in the Supplier's and/or Authority's supply chain to the extent that such failure is due to any event suffered by a member of such supply chain, which would also qualify as a Force Majeure Event in accordance with this definition had it been suffered by one of the Parties;</p> <p>but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and any related circumstances, events, changes or requirements;</p>
<b>“Framework Agreement”</b>	means the Framework Agreement referred to in the Order Form;
<b>“Fraud”</b>	means any offence under any law in respect of fraud in relation to this Contract or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the government, parliament or any Contracting Authority;
<b>GDPR</b>	means the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
<b>“General Anti-Abuse Rule”</b>	means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and



	(b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions;
<b>“Good Industry Practice”</b>	means the exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, prudence, risk management, quality management and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced supplier engaged in the manufacture and/or supply of goods similar to the Goods under the same or similar circumstances as those applicable to this Contract, including in accordance with any codes of practice published by relevant trade associations;
<b>“Goods”</b>	means all goods, materials or items that the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority under this Contract;
<b>“Guidance”</b>	means any applicable guidance, direction or determination and any policies, advice or industry alerts which apply to the Goods, to the extent that the same are published and publicly available or the existence or contents of them have been notified to the Supplier by the Authority and/or have been published and/or notified to the Supplier by the Department of Health, Monitor, NHS England, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, the European Medicine Agency the European Commission, the Care Quality Commission and/or any other regulator or competent body;
<b>“Halifax Abuse Principle”</b>	means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
<b>“Intellectual Property Rights”</b>	means all patents, copyright, design rights, registered designs, trade marks, know-how, database rights, confidential formulae and any other intellectual property rights and the rights to apply for patents and trade marks and registered designs;
<b>“Key Provisions”</b>	means the key provisions set out in Schedule 1 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions and/or as part of the Order Form;
<b>“KPI”</b>	means the key performance indicators as set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document and/or the Order Form, if any;
<b>“Law”</b>	means any applicable legal requirements including, without limitation,; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any applicable statute or proclamation, delegated or subordinate legislation, bye-law, order, regulation or instrument as applicable in England and Wales;</li> <li>(b) any applicable European Union obligation, directive, regulation, decision, law or right (including any such obligations, directives, regulations, decisions, laws or rights that are incorporated into the law of England and Wales or given effect in England and Wales by any</li> </ul>

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	<p>applicable statute, proclamation, delegated or subordinate legislation, bye-law, order, regulation or instrument);</p> <p>(c) any enforceable community right within the meaning of section 2(1) European Communities Act 1972;</p> <p>(d) any applicable judgment of a relevant court of law which is a binding precedent in England and Wales;</p> <p>(e) requirements set by any regulatory body as applicable in England and Wales;</p> <p>(f) any relevant code of practice as applicable in England and Wales; and</p> <p>(g) any relevant collective agreement and/or international law provisions (to include, without limitation, as referred to in (a) to (f) above);</p>
<b>“NHS”</b>	means the National Health Service;
<b>“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance”</b>	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:</p> <p>(i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;</p> <p>(ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or</p> <p>(b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Effective Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion;</p>
<b>“Order Form”</b>	means the order form for the Goods issued by the Authority in accordance with the Framework Agreement;
<b>“Party”</b>	means the Authority or the Supplier as appropriate and Parties means both the Authority and the Supplier;
<b>“Personal Data”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;
<b>“Policies”</b>	means the policies, rules and procedures of the Authority as notified to the Supplier from time to time;



<b>“Process”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR. Processing and Processed shall be construed accordingly;
<b>“Processor”</b>	shall have the same meaning as set out in the GDPR;
<b>“Product Information”</b>	means information concerning the Goods as may be reasonably requested by the Authority and supplied by the Supplier to the Authority in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions for inclusion in the Authority's product catalogue from time to time;
<b>“Rejected Goods”</b>	has the meaning given under Clause 4.2 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Relevant Tax Authority”</b>	means HM Revenue and Customs, or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
<b>“Remedial Proposal”</b>	has the meaning given under Clause 15.3 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Requirement to Recall”</b>	has the meaning given under 4.9 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions;
<b>“Specification and Tender Response Document”</b>	means the Specification and Tender Response Document set out in the Framework Agreement as supplemented by any further information set out and/or referred to in the Order Form and as amended and/or updated in accordance with this Contract;
<b>“Staff”</b>	means all persons employed or engaged by the Supplier to perform its obligations under this Contract including any Sub-contractors and person employed or engaged by such Sub-contractors;
<b>“Sub-contract”</b>	means a contract between two or more suppliers, at any stage of remoteness from the Supplier in a sub-contracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Contract;
<b>“Sub-contractor”</b>	means a party to a Sub-contract other than the Supplier;
<b>“Supplier”</b>	means the supplier named on the Order Form;
<b>“Supplier Code of Conduct”</b>	means the code of that name published by the Government Commercial Function originally dated September 2017, as may be amended, restated, updated, re-issued or re-named from time to time;
<b>“Term”</b>	means the term as referred to in the Key Provisions;



“Termination Notice”	means a written notice of termination given by one Party to the other notifying the Party receiving the notice of the intention of the Party giving the notice to terminate this Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
“Third Party Body”	has the meaning given under Clause 8.5 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions; and
“VAT”	means value added tax chargeable under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 or any similar, replacement or extra tax.

- 1.2 References to any Law shall be deemed to include a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated, re-enacted, restated, implemented or transposed from time to time.
- 1.3 References to any legal entity shall include any body that takes over responsibility for the functions of such entity.
- 1.4 References in this Contract to a “Schedule”, “Appendix”, “Paragraph” or to a “Clause” are to schedules, appendices, paragraphs and clauses of this Contract.
- 1.5 References in this Contract to a day or to the calculation of time frames are references to a calendar day unless expressly specified as a Business Day.
- 1.6 Unless set out in the Contract as a chargeable item and subject to Clause 30.6 of Schedule 2 of these Call-off Terms and Conditions, the Supplier shall bear the cost of complying with its obligations under this Contract.
- 1.7 The headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- 1.8 Words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.9 Where a term of this Contract provides for a list of one or more items following the word “including” or “includes” then such list is not to be interpreted as an exhaustive list. Any such list shall not be treated as excluding any item that might have been included in such list having regard to the context of the contractual term in question. General words are not to be given a restrictive meaning where they are followed by examples intended to be included within the general words.
- 1.10 Where there is a conflict between the Supplier’s responses to the requirements set out in the Specification and Tender Response Document and any other part of this Contract, such other part of this Contract shall prevail.
- 1.11 Where a document is required under this Contract, the Parties may agree in writing that this shall be in electronic format only.
- 1.12 Any Breach Notice issued by a Party in connection with this Contract shall not be invalid due to it containing insufficient information. A Party receiving a Breach Notice (“Receiving Party”) may ask the Party that issued the Breach Notice (“Issuing Party”) to provide any further information in relation to the subject matter of the Breach Notice that it may reasonably require to enable it to understand the Breach Notice and/or to



remedy the breach. The Issuing Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the provision of such further information as referred to above as may be requested by the Receiving Party but no such withholding or delay shall invalidate the Breach Notice.

- 1.13 Any terms defined as part of a Schedule or other document forming part of this Contract shall have the meaning as defined in such Schedule or document.

