# RM6187 Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form and Call-Off Schedules)

# **Order Form**

CALL-OFF REFERENCE: C379263

THE BUYER: The Secretary of State for Health and Social

Care, acting as part of The Crown

BUYER ADDRESS Department for Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London SW1H 0EU

THE SUPPLIER: McKinsey & Company, Inc. United Kingdom

SUPPLIER ADDRESS: The Post Building, 100 Museum Street, WC1A 1PB

REGISTRATION NUMBER: FC012665

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SID4GOV ID:

# Applicable framework contract

This Order Form is for the provision of the Call-Off Deliverables and dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 2025, It's issued under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Management and Consultancy Framework 3 (MCF3) with the reference number RM6187 for the provision of **HEALTH DATA RESEARCH SERVICE (HDRS) – DISCOVERY** 

# Lot 2: Customer Needs Assessment from CALL-OFF LOT(S):Lot 3 Complex and Transformation

# Call-off incorporated terms

The following documents are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract.

Where schedules are missing, those schedules are not part of the agreement and can not be used. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

- 1. This Order Form includes the Call-Off Special Terms and Call-Off Special Schedules.
- 2. Joint Schedule 1(Definitions and Interpretation) RM6187

3. The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:

# Joint Schedules for RM6187 Management Consultancy Framework Three

- Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) Mandatory
- Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form) Mandatory
- Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) Mandatory
- Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information) Mandatory
- Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan) Mandatory
- Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data) Mandatory

#### Call-Off Schedules

- Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details) Optional
- Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff) Optional
- Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security) Optional
- Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management) Optional
- Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification) Optional
- 4. CCS Core Terms
- 5. Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) Mandatory
- 6. Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender) as long as any parts of the Call-Off Tender that offer a better commercial position for the Buyer (as decided by the Buyer) take precedence over the documents above.

Supplier terms are not part of the Call-Off Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

### Call-off special terms

Special Term 1: This Call-Off Contract, and the work carried out in relation to it, shall be deemed a Tier 1 contract (following the Crown Commercial Service's Information Note 05/16 on "Open Book Contract Management" and the accompanying OBCM guidance) and accordingly the parties agree that the Buyer's audit and inspection rights under (b)(c) and (h) within the definition of "Audit" in Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) shall not apply.

Special Term 2: For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier will not keep accurate records of time spent per consultant grade and will not make them available for inspection or invoicing purposes.

Call-off start date: 1st September 2025

Call-off expiry date: 31st October 2025

Call-off initial period: NA

# **CALL-OFF OPTIONAL EXTENSION PERIOD – Not Applicable**

#### Call-off deliverables:

See details in Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)

# Security

Short form security requirements apply.

# **Maximum liability**

The limitation of liability for this Call-Off Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first contract year. The Estimated Year 1 Charges of the Contract is £224,212.00.

# Call-off charges

See details in Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

All changes to the Charges must use procedures that are equivalent to those in Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 (if used) in Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices)

The Charges will not be impacted by any change to the Framework Prices. The Charges can only be changed by agreement in writing between the Buyer and the Supplier because of:

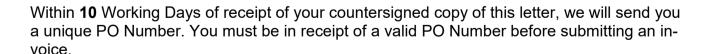
Specific Change in Law

#### Reimbursable expenses

The Supplier's Charges include expenses.

# **Payment method**

The payment will be made in arrears on completion of the contract upon submission of a



To avoid delay in payment it is important that the invoice is compliant and that it includes a valid PO Number, PO Number item number (if applicable) and the details (name and telephone number) of your Buyer contact (i.e. Contract Manager). Non-compliant invoices will

be sent back to you, which may lead to a delay in payment. If you have a query regarding outstanding payment, please contact our Accounts Payable section either by email to between 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

#### **BUYER'S INVOICE ADDRESS:**

Accounts Payable Department of Health and Social Care Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE

# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OBJECTIVES

The Financial Transparency Objectives do not apply to this Call-Off Contract.

# **Buyer's authorised representative:**

Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0EU
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# Day to day operational representative:

# Buyer's security policy

Security policy framework - GOV.UK

# Supplier's authorised representative

McKinsey & Company, Inc. United Kingdom | The Post Building, 100 Museum Street, London, WC1A 1PB

# Supplier's contract manager

McKinsey & Company, Inc. United Kingdom | The Post Building, 100 Museum Street,

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# **Progress report frequency**

As per Clauses 6 (Key Milestones) and 9 (Reporting) of the Specification.

# **Progress meeting frequency**

Twice weekly progress review meetings between the Authority and the Contractor for the duration of the 8-week project.

Progress reviews could be conducted virtually within regular office hours.





# **Key subcontractor(s)**

Not applicable

# **Commercially sensitive information**

See details in Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

#### Service credits

Not applicable

# **Additional**

Insurances required in accordance with Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

### Guarantee

Not applicable

# Buyer's environmental and social value policy

<u>Procurement Policy Note 06/20 – taking account of social value in the award of central government contracts - GOV.UK</u>

30 January 2020: Environment Bill 2020 policy statement - GOV.UK

The Parties acknowledge that: (i) the Supplier has not been provided with sufficient time to review this policy and is therefore unable to commit to the policy in its entirety at the time of signing this contract; and (ii) the Supplier and the Buyer will in good faith discuss any provisions within the policy that the Supplier is unable to comply with (e.g because they are inconsistent with the Supplier's own policies and processes) so that the Parties can agree any appropriate deviations from or adjustments to the policy for the purposes of the provision of Services.

#### Social value commitment

The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Call-Off Contract, that it will comply with the social value commitments in Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender)]

#### Formation of call off contract

By signing and returning this Call-Off Order Form the Supplier agrees to enter a Call-Off Contract with the Buyer to provide the Services in accordance with the Call-Off Order Form and the Call-Off Terms.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that they have read the Call-Off Order Form and the Call-Off Terms and by signing below agree to be bound by this Call-Off Contract.

# For and on behalf of the Supplier:



Date Signed: August 22, 2025

# For and on behalf of the Buyer:



Date Signed: 22/08/2025

# Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions)

- 1.1 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 If a capitalised expression does not have an interpretation in this Schedule or any other Schedule, it shall, in the first instance, be interpreted in accordance with the common interpretation within the relevant market sector/industry where appropriate. Otherwise, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the dictionary meaning.
- 1.3 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - 1.3.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - 1.3.2 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
  - 1.3.3 references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Central Government Body;
  - 1.3.4 a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended,

consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;

- 1.3.5 the words "including", "other", "in particular", "for example" and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation";
- 1.3.6 references to "writing" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
- 1.3.7 references to "representations" shall be construed as references to present facts, to "warranties" as references to present and future facts and to "undertakings" as references to obligations under the Contract;
- 1.3.8 references to "Clauses" and "Schedules" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the clauses and schedules of the Core Terms and references in any Schedule to parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables are, unless otherwise provided, references to the parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables of the Schedule in which these references appear;
- 1.3.9 references to **"Paragraphs"** are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraph of the appropriate Schedules unless otherwise provided;
- 1.3.10 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the clause numbers specified;
- 1.3.11 the headings in each Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of a Contract;
- 1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Central Government Body it shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole;
- 1.3.13 any reference in a Contract which immediately before Exit Day is a reference to (as it has effect from time to time):
  - () any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement ("EU References") which is to form part of domestic law by application of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 shall be read on and after Exit Day as a reference to the EU References as they form part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as modified by domestic law from time to time; and
  - () any EU institution or EU authority or other such EU body shall be read on and after Exit Day as a reference to the UK institution, authority or body to which its functions were transferred; and
- 1.3.14 unless otherwise provided, references to "**Buyer**" shall be construed as including Exempt Buyers; and
- 1.3.15 unless otherwise provided, references to "Call-Off Contract" and "Contract" shall be construed as including Exempt Call-off Contracts.

1.4 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Achieve"	in respect of a Test, to successfully pass such Test without any Test Issues and in respect of a Milestone, the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of that Milestone and "Achieved", "Achieving" and "Achievement" shall be construed accordingly;
"Additional Insurances"	insurance requirements relating to a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
"Admin Fee"	means the costs incurred by CCS in dealing with MI Failures calculated in accordance with the tariff of administration charges published by the CCS on: http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-amsupplier/management-information/admin-fees;
"Affected Party"	the Party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
"Affiliates"	in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;
"Annex"	extra information which supports a Schedule;
"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Buyer and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Audit"	the Relevant Authority's right to:
	1 verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Buyer under a Call-Off Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract);
	<ul> <li>verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Deliverables;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>verify the Open Book Data;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 27 to 33 and/or Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Relevant Authority shall have no obligation</li> </ul>

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	to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;
	<ul> <li>identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Deliverables;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Relevant Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with each Contract;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>carry out the Relevant Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Relevant Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Relevant Authority has used its resources;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>verify the accuracy and completeness of any:</li> </ul>
	(i) Management Information delivered or required by the Framework Contract; or
	(ii) Financial Report and compliance with Financial Transparency Objectives as specified by the Buyer in the Order Form;
"Auditor"	a) the Buyer's internal and external auditors;
	b) the Buyer's statutory or regulatory auditors;
	c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;
	d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office;
	e) any party formally appointed by the Buyer to carry out audit or similar review functions; and
	f) successors or assigns of any of the above;
"Authority"	CCS and each Buyer;
"Authority Cause"	any breach of the obligations of the Relevant Authority or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Relevant Authority, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or

Crown Copyright 2010	in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Relevant Authority is liable to the Supplier;
"BACS"	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
"Buyer"	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;
"Buyer Assets"	the Buyer's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Buyer and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Deliverables which remain the property of the Buyer throughout the term of the Contract;
"Buyer Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Call-Off Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
"Buyer Premises"	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Buyer which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Deliverables (or any of them);
"Call-Off Contract"	the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Framework Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Contract Period"	the Contract Period in respect of the Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Expiry Date"	the scheduled date of the end of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Call-Off Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Initial Period"	the Initial Period of a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Call-Off Initial Period may be extended as specified in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Procedure"	the process for awarding a Call-Off Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Award Procedure);
"Call-Off Special	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form

Terms"	incorporated into the applicable Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Start	the date of start of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
Date"	the date of start of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form,
"Call-Off Tender"	the tender submitted by the Supplier in response to the Buyer's Statement of Requirements following a Further Competition Procedure and set out at Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender);
"CCS"	the Minister for the Cabinet Office as represented by Crown Commercial Service, which is an executive agency and operates as a trading fund of the Cabinet Office, whose offices are located at 9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9PP;
"CCS Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the Framework Contract initially identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Central Government Body"	a body listed in one of the following subcategories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:
	) Government Department;
	) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);
	) Non-Ministerial Department; or
	) Executive Agency;
"Change in Law"	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Deliverables and performance of the Contract which comes into force after the Start Date;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract less any Deductions;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in the Framework Award Form or Order Form (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Supplier, its IPR or its business or which the Supplier has indicated to the Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;

"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
"Compliance Officer"	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;
"Confidential Information"	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, the Buyer or the Supplier, including IPRs, together with information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
"Conflict of Interest"	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Buyer under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer or CCS;
"Contract"	either the Framework Contract or the Call-Off Contract, as the context requires;
"Contract Period"	the term of either a Framework Contract or Call-Off Contract on and from the earlier of the:
	a) applicable Start Date; or
	b) the Effective Date
	up to and including the applicable End Date;
"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and "Controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Core Terms"	CCS' standard terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Supplier must interact with CCS and Buyers under Framework Contracts and Call-Off Contracts;
"Costs"	the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables:
	) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Work Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including:

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		) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff;
		) employer's National Insurance contributions;
		) pension contributions;
		) car allowances;
		) any other contractual employment benefits;
		) staff training;
		) workplace accommodation;
		<ul> <li>workplace IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and</li> </ul>
		) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;
	)	costs incurred in respect of Supplier Assets which would be treated as capital costs according to generally accepted accounting principles within the UK, which shall include the cost to be charged in respect of Supplier Assets by the Supplier to the Buyer or (to the extent that risk and title in any Supplier Asset is not held by the Supplier) any cost actually incurred by the Supplier in respect of those Supplier Assets;
	)	operational costs which are not included within (a) or (b) above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables; and
	)	Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables;
		but excluding:
	)	Overhead;
	)	financing or similar costs;
	)	maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Call-Off Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;
	)	taxation;
	)	fines and penalties;
	)	amounts payable under Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and
	)	non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation,

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	impairments and movements in provisions);
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"Data Protection Impact Assessment"	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Legislation"	the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to Processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the Processing of personal data and privacy;
"Data Protection Liability Cap"	the amount specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject Access Request"	a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data;
"Deductions"	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under a Call-Off Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of a Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including material default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of a Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Relevant Authority;
"Default Management Charge"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Delay Payments"	the amounts (if any) payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Implementation Plan;
"Deliverables"	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of a Call-Off Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by the either (a) confirmation in writing to the Supplier; or (b) where Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) is used issue by the Buyer of a Satisfaction Certificate. "Deliver" and

Crown Copyright 2010	"Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising out of or in connection with the Contract or in connection with the negotiation, existence, legal validity, enforceability or termination of the Contract, whether the alleged liability shall arise under English law or under the law of some other country and regardless of whether a particular cause of action may successfully be brought in the English courts;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
"Documentation"	descriptions of the Services and Service Levels, technical specifications, user manuals, training manuals, operating manuals, process definitions and procedures, system environment descriptions and all such other documentation (whether in hardcopy or electronic form) is required to be supplied by the Supplier to the Buyer under a Contract as:
	<ul> <li>a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Buyer to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Deliverables</li> </ul>
	b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or
	<ul> <li>c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;</li> </ul>
"DOTAS"	the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HMRC 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;
"DPA 2018"	the Data Protection Act 2018;
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;

"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Electronic Invoice"	an invoice which has been issued, transmitted and received in a structured electronic format which allows for its automatic and electronic processing and which complies with (a) the European standard and (b) any of the syntaxes published in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1870;
"Employment Regulations"	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced or any other Regulations implementing the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC;
"End Date"	the earlier of:
	a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Relevant Authority under Clause 10.1.2); or
	<ul> <li>b) if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;</li> </ul>
"Environmental Policy"	to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, including any written environmental policy of the Buyer;
"Equality and Human Rights Commission"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Estimated Year 1 Charges"	the anticipated total Charges payable by the Buyer in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form;

"Estimated Yearly Charges"	means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2:
	i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or
	ii) in any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Call-off Contract Year; or
	iii) after the end of the Call-off Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Call-off Contract Period;

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eligible to use the Framework Contract; and
is entering into an Exempt Call-off Contract that is not subject to (as applicable) any of:
) the Regulations;
) the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/273);
) the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/274);
) the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/1848);
) the Remedies Directive (2007/66/EC);
) Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and Council;
) Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and Council;
) Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and Council; or
) Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and Council;
contract between the Exempt Buyer and the Supplier for liverables which consists of the terms set out and referred to in Order Form incorporating and, where necessary, amending, ining or adding to the terms of the Framework Contract;
y amendments, refinements or additions to any of the terms of
Framework Contract made through the Exempt Call-off
ntract to reflect the specific needs of an Exempt Buyer to the ent permitted by and in accordance with any legal requirements
olicable to that Exempt Buyer;

"Existing IPR"	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to either Party and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);
"Exit Day"	shall have the meaning in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;
"Expiry Date"	the Framework Expiry Date or the Call-Off Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
"Extension Period"	the Framework Optional Extension Period or the Call-Off Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;

"Financial Reports"	<ul> <li>a report by the Supplier to the Buyer that:</li> <li>(a) provides a true and fair reflection of the Costs and Supplier Profit Margin forecast by the Supplier;</li> <li>(b) provides detail a true and fair reflection of the costs and expenses to be incurred by Key Subcontractors (as requested by the Buyer);</li> <li>(c) is in the same software package (Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Word), layout and format as the blank templates which have been issued by the Buyer to the Supplier on or before the Start Date for the purposes of the Contract; and</li> <li>(d) is certified by the Supplier's Chief Financial Officer or Director of Finance;</li> </ul>
"Financial Representative"	a reasonably skilled and experienced member of the Supplier Staff who has specific responsibility for preparing, maintaining, facilitating access to, discussing and explaining the records and accounts of everything to do with the Contract (as referred to in Clause 6), Financial Reports and Open Book Data;
"Financial Transparency Objectives"	<ul> <li>(a) the Buyer having a clear analysis of the Costs, Overhead recoveries (where relevant), time spent by Supplier Staff in providing the Services and Supplier Profit Margin so that it can understand any payment sought by the Supplier;</li> <li>(b) the Parties being able to understand Costs forecasts and to have confidence that these are based on justifiable numbers and appropriate forecasting techniques;</li> <li>(c) the Parties being able to understand the quantitative impact of any Variations that affect ongoing Costs and identifying how these could be mitigated and/or reflected in the Charges;</li> <li>(d) the Parties being able to review, address issues with and reforecast progress in relation to the provision of the Services;</li> <li>(e) the Parties challenging each other with ideas for efficiency and improvements; and</li> <li>(f) enabling the Buyer to demonstrate that it is achieving value for money for the taxpayer relative to current market prices;</li> </ul>
"FOIA"	the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to

Crown Copyright 2010	such legislation;
"Force Majeure Event"	any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Relevant Authority or the Supplier of its obligations arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which prevent or materially delay the Affected Party from performing its obligations under a Contract and which are not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by the Affected Party, including:
	riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict;
	acts of terrorism;
	<ul> <li>acts of a Central Government Body, local government or regulatory bodies;</li> </ul>
	fire, flood, storm or earthquake or other natural disaster,
	but excluding any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain;
"Force Majeure Notice"	a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;
"Framework Award Form"	the document outlining the Framework Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the Framework Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and CCS;
"Framework Contract"	the framework agreement established between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with Regulation 33 by the Framework Award Form for the provision of the Deliverables to Buyers by the Supplier pursuant to the OJEU Notice;
"Framework Contract Period"	the period from the Framework Start Date until the End Date of the Framework Contract;
"Framework Expiry Date"	the scheduled date of the end of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Framework Contract specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Framework Contract Period may be extended as specified in the Framework Award Form;

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"Framework Price(s)"	the price(s) applicable to the provision of the Deliverables set out in Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices);
"Framework Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Framework Award Form incorporated into the Framework Contract;
"Framework Start Date"	the date of start of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Tender Response"	the tender submitted by the Supplier to CCS and annexed to or referred to in Framework Schedule 2 (Framework Tender);
"Further Competition Procedure"	the further competition procedure described in Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Award Procedure);
"GDPR"	the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
"General Anti-	the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 and; and
Abuse Rule"	<ul> <li>any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;</li> </ul>
"General Change in Law"	a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including taxation or duties of any sort affecting the Supplier) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Good Industry Practice"	standards, practises, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the exercise of the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged within the relevant industry or business sector;
"Government"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including government ministers and government departments and other bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"Government Data"	the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, including any of the Authority's Confidential Information, and which:
	■ are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the
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	Authority; or
	<ul> <li>the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract;</li> </ul>
"Guarantor"	the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
"HMRC"	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
"ICT Policy"	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Order Form, which is in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
"Impact Assessment"	an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Relevant Authority completed in good faith, including:
	a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the     Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other     obligations under the Contract;
	b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation;
	<ul> <li>c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Framework Prices/Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practises of either Party;</li> </ul>
	d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and
	e) such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Independent	where a Controller has provided Personal Data to another Party

Control"	which is not a Processor or a Joint Controller because the recipient itself determines the purposes and means of Processing but does so separately from the Controller providing it with Personal Data and "Independent Controller" shall be construed accordingly;
"Indexation"	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices) and the relevant Order Form;
"Information"	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Information Commissioner"	the UK's independent authority which deals with ensuring information relating to rights in the public interest and data privacy for individuals is met, whilst promoting openness by public bodies;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of a Contract specified in the Framework Award Form or the Order Form, as the context requires;
"Insolvency	with respect to any person, means:
Event"	(a) that person suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts, or:
	(i) (being a company or a LLP) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or
	(ii) (being a partnership) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 222 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
	(b) that person commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors (using a voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with one or more of its creditors or takes any step to obtain a moratorium pursuant to Section 1A and Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 other than (in the case of a company, a LLP or a partnership) for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;
	(c) another person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of that person or a receiver is appointed over the assets of that person;
	(d) a creditor or encumbrancer of that person attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of that person's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;

	(e) that person suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, carrying on all or a substantial part of its business;
	(f) where that person is a company, a LLP or a partnership:
	(i) a petition is presented (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service), a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of that person other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;
	(ii) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator, or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is filed at Court or given or if an administrator is appointed, over that person;
	(iii) (being a company or a LLP) the holder of a qualifying floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver; or
	(iv) (being a partnership) the holder of an agricultural floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an agricultural receiver; or
	(g) any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to that person in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned above;
"Installation Works"	all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Call-Off Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Call-Off Contract;
"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"	<ul> <li>a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade or business names, goodwill, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and</li> </ul>
	c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;
"Invoicing	the address to which the Supplier shall invoice the Buyer as

Address"	specified in the Order Form;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a Contract;
"IR35"	the off-payroll rules requiring individuals who work through their company pay the same tax and National Insurance contributions as an employee which can be found online at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies</a> ;
"Joint Controller Agreement"	the agreement (if any) entered into between the Relevant Authority and the Supplier substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Joint Schedule 11 ( <i>Processing Data</i> );
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
"Key Staff"	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
"Key Sub- Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key	any Subcontractor:
Subcontractor"	<ul> <li>a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>c) with a Sub-Contract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under the Call-Off Contract,</li> </ul>
	and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors in section 19 of the Framework Award Form and in the Key Subcontractor Section in Order Form;
"Know-How"	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Deliverables but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the applicable Start Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable

	right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgement of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the relevant Party is bound to comply;
"LED"	Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680);
"Losses"	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgement, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Lots"	the number of lots specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
"Management Charge"	the sum specified in the Framework Award Form payable by the Supplier to CCS in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Management Information" or "MI"	the management information specified in Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"MI Default"	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period
"MI Failure"	means when an MI report:
	<ul> <li>a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or</li> </ul>
	b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or
	<ul> <li>c) is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);</li> </ul>
"MI Report"	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"MI Reporting Template"	means the form of report set out in the Annex to Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information) setting out the information the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority;
"Milestone"	an event or task described in the Implementation Plan;
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;
"Month"	a calendar month and "Monthly" shall be interpreted accordingly;

"National Insurance"	contributions required by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and made in accordance with the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1004);
"New IPR"	IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of a Contract and updates and amendments of these items including (but not limited to) database schema; and/or
	IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same;
	but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR;
"Occasion of Tax Non- Compliance"	where:  a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:  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 in any jurisdiction that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;  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 in any jurisdiction; and/or  b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which 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 Start Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion;

# "Open Book Data

complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Buyer to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Call-Off Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:

- a) the Supplier's Costs broken down against each Good and/or Service and/or Deliverable, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all Deliverables;
- b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing:
- the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables;
- staff costs broken down into the number and grade/role of all Supplier Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each grade;
- a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and
- Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form;
- c) Overheads;
- d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables:
- e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the Framework Contract Period and on an annual basis:
- f) confirmation that all methods of Cost apportionment and Overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier;
- g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and
- h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;

"Order"

means an order for the provision of the Deliverables placed by a

	Buyer with the Supplier under a Contract;
"Order Form"	a completed Order Form Template (or equivalent information issued by the Buyer) used to create a Call-Off Contract;
"Order Form Template"	the template in Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules);
"Other Contracting Authority"	any actual or potential Buyer under the Framework Contract;
"Overhead"	those amounts which are intended to recover a proportion of the Supplier's or the Key Subcontractor's (as the context requires) indirect corporate costs (including financing, marketing, advertising, research and development and insurance costs and any fines or penalties) but excluding allowable indirect costs apportioned to facilities and administration in the provision of Supplier Staff and accordingly included within limb (a) of the definition of "Costs";
"Parliament"	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
"Party"	in the context of the Framework Contract, CCS or the Supplier, and in the context of a Call-Off Contract the Buyer or the Supplier. "Parties" shall mean both of them where the context permits;
"Performance Indicators" or "PIs"	the performance measurements and targets in respect of the Supplier's performance of the Framework Contract set out in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management);
"Personal Data"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personal Data Breach"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of a Party and/or of any Subcontractor and/or Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Prescribed Person"	a legal adviser, an MP or an appropriate body which a whistle-blower may make a disclosure to as detailed in 'Whistleblowing: list of prescribed people and bodies', 24 November 2016, available online at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies</a> ;
"Processing"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and

Personnel"	suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Progress Meeting"	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;
"Progress Meeting Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall conduct a Progress Meeting in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Progress Report"	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
"Progress Report Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall deliver Progress Reports in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Prohibited Acts"	a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to:
	■ induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or
	■ reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;
	b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with each Contract; or
	c) committing any offence:
	■ under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or
	■ under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or
	<ul> <li>defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or</li> </ul>
	d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK;
"Protective Measures"	appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymisation and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it including those outlined in

	Framework Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials Scheme), if applicable, in the case of the Framework Contract or Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security), if applicable, in the case of a Call-Off Contract.
"Recall"	a request by the Supplier to return Goods to the Supplier or the manufacturer after the discovery of safety issues or defects (including defects in the right IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;
"Recipient Party"	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
"Rectification Plan"	<ul> <li>a) the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify it's breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan) which shall include:</li> <li>b) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>c) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and</li> <li>d) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable);</li> </ul>
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 10.3.1 to 10.3.4 (Rectification Plan Process);
"Regulations"	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
"Reimbursable Expenses"	the reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence (for example, hotel and food) expenses, properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Services, calculated at the rates and in accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including:
	2 travel expenses incurred as a result of Supplier Staff travelling to and from their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed, unless the Buyer otherwise agreed in advance in writing; and
	<ol> <li>subsistence expenses incurred by Supplier Staff whilst performing the Services at their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed;</li> </ol>

"Relevant Authority"	the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;
"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"	3 all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, property rights, trade secrets, Know-How and IPR of the Relevant Authority (including all Relevant Authority Existing IPR and New IPR);  any other information clearly designated as being
	confidential (whether or not it is marked "confidential") or which ought reasonably be considered confidential which comes (or has come) to the Relevant Authority's attention or into the Relevant Authority's possession in connection with a Contract; and
	information derived from any of the above;
"Relevant Requirements"	all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010;
"Relevant Tax Authority"	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
"Reminder Notice"	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.5 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
"Replacement Deliverables"	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables following the Call-Off Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Subcontractor"	a Subcontractor of the Replacement Supplier to whom Transferring Supplier Employees will transfer on a Service Transfer Date (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
"Replacement Supplier"	any third party provider of Replacement Deliverables appointed by or at the direction of the Buyer from time to time or where the Buyer is providing Replacement Deliverables for its own account, shall also include the Buyer;
"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order

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"Satisfaction Certificate"	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in of Part B of Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) or as agreed by the Parties where Call-Off Schedule 13 is not used in this Contract) granted by the Buyer when the Supplier has met all of the requirements of an Order, Achieved a Milestone or a Test;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
"Security Policy"	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Order Form, in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
"Self Audit Certificate"	means the certificate in the form as set out in Framework Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Levels"	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Call Off Contract (which, where Call Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
"Services"	services made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Service Transfer"	any transfer of the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;
"Service Transfer Date"	the date of a Service Transfer;
"Sites"	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which:
	a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or
	<ul> <li>b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;</li> </ul>
	c) those premises at which any Supplier Equipment or any part of the Supplier System is located (where any part of the Deliverables provided falls within Call-Off Schedule 6

	(ICT Services));
"SME"	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises;
"Special Terms"	any additional Clauses set out in the Framework Award Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;
"Specific Change in Law"	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Buyer and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Deliverables is not reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date;
"Specification"	the specification set out in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to a Call-Off Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;
"Standards"	<ul> <li>a) standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent bodies (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Supplier would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with;</li> <li>b) standards detailed in the specification in Schedule 1 (Specification);</li> <li>c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time;</li> <li>d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;</li> </ul>
"Start Date"	in the case of the Framework Contract, the date specified on the Framework Award Form, and in the case of a Call-Off Contract, the date specified in the Order Form;
"Statement of Requirements"	a statement issued by the Buyer detailing its requirements in respect of Deliverables issued in accordance with the Call-Off Procedure;
"Storage Media"	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;

"Sub-Contract"	<ul> <li>any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than a Call-Off Contract or the Framework Contract, pursuant to which a third party: <ul> <li>a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them);</li> <li>b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or</li> <li>c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);</li> </ul> </li> <li>any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-</li> </ul>
	Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to a Contract;
"Supplier"	the person, firm or company identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Call-Off Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the Framework Award Form, or later defined in a Call-Off Contract;
"Supplier's Confidential Information"	<ul> <li>a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Supplier (including the Supplier Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Supplier;</li> <li>b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential and which comes (or has come) to the Supplier's attention or into the Supplier's possession in connection with a Contract;</li> <li>c) Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;</li> </ul>
"Supplier's Contract Manager	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the Call-Off Contract and any alternative person whom the Supplier intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Supplier informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;

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"Supplier Equipment"	the Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract;
"Supplier Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Supplier Non-	where the Supplier has failed to:
Performance"	a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;
	b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels ; and/or
	c) comply with an obligation under a Contract;
"Supplier Profit"	in relation to a period, the difference between the total Charges (in nominal cash flow terms but excluding any Deductions and total Costs (in nominal cash flow terms) in respect of a Call-Off Contract for the relevant period;
"Supplier Profit Margin"	in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Supplier Profit for the relevant period or in relation to the relevant Milestone divided by the total Charges over the same period or in relation to the relevant Milestone and expressed as a percentage;
"Supplier Staff"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract;
"Supporting Documentation"	sufficient information in writing to enable the Buyer to reasonably assess whether the Charges, Reimbursable Expenses and other sums due from the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
"Termination Notice"	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 a Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
"Test Issue"	any variance or non-conformity of the Deliverables from their requirements as set out in a Call-Off Contract;
"Test Plan"	a plan:
	a) for the Testing of the Deliverables; and
	b) setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement

	of Milestones;	
"Tests "	any tests required to be carried out pursuant to a Call-Off Contract as set out in the Test Plan or elsewhere in a Call-Off Contract and "Tested" and "Testing" shall be construed accordingly;	
"Third Party IPR"	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;	
"Transferring Supplier Employees"	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;	
"Transparency Information"	the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for –	
	(i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Relevant Authority; and	
	(ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;	
"Transparency Reports"	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance of the Contracts which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);	
"Variation"	any change to a Contract;	
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);	
"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);	
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;	
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;	
"Worker"	any one of the Supplier Staff which the Buyer, in its reasonable opinion, considers is an individual to which Procurement Policy Note 08/15 (Tax Arrangements of Public Appointees) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees) applies in respect of the Deliverables;	
"Working Day"	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Order Form;	

"Work Day"	8.0 Work Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day; and
"Work Hours"	the hours spent by the Supplier Staff properly working on the provision of the Deliverables including time spent travelling (other than to and from the Supplier's offices, or to and from the Sites) but excluding lunch breaks.

# Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 24

Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules) Crown Copyright 2018 (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details			
This variation is between:	[delete as applicable: CCS Buyer")	6 / Buyer] ("CCS" "the	
	And		
	[insert name of Supplier] (	"the Supplier")	
Contract name:	[insert name of contract to Contract")	be changed] ("the	
Contract reference number:	[insert contract reference r	number]	
Details of Proposed Variation			
Variation initiated by:	[delete as applicable: CCS	/Buyer/Supplier]	
Variation number:	[insert variation number]		
Date variation is raised:	[insert date]		
Proposed variation			
Reason for the variation:	[insert reason]		
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert number] days		
Impact of Variation			
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	[Supplier to insert assess	ment of impact]	
Outcome of Variation			
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above	ve is varied as follows:	
		<b>sert</b> original Clauses or varied and the changed	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ [insert amount]	
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]	
	New Contract value:	£ [insert amount]	

Signature

- 1 This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to the Contract and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by **[delete** as applicable: CCS / Buyer**]**
- 8. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
- 9. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the **[delete** as applicable: CCS / Buyer**]** 

Date	
Name (in	
Capitals) Address	
Address	
Signed by an author	ised signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier
Signature	
Date	
Name (in	
Capitals) Address	
Address	

## Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

## 1. The insurance you need to have

The Supplier shall take out and maintain, or procure the taking out and maintenance of the insurances as set out in the Annex to this Schedule, any additional insurances required under a Call-Off Contract (specified in the applicable Order Form) ("Additional Insurances") and any other insurances as may be required by applicable Law (together the "Insurances"). The Supplier shall ensure that each of the Insurances is effective no later than:

the Framework Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and

.the Call-Off Contract Effective Date in respect of the Additional Insurances.

- The Insurances shall be:
  - .maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
  - (so far as is reasonably practicable) on terms no less favourable than those generally available to a prudent contractor in respect of risks insured in the international insurance market from time to time;
  - .taken out and maintained with insurers of good financial standing and good repute in the international insurance market; and
  - .maintained for at least six (6) years after the End Date.
- The Supplier shall ensure that the public and products liability policy contain an indemnity to principals clause under which the Relevant Authority shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Relevant Authority in respect of death or bodily injury or third party property damage arising out of or in connection with the Deliverables and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

#### 10. How to manage the insurance

- . Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Supplier shall:
  - .take or procure the taking of all reasonable risk management and risk control measures in relation to Deliverables as it would be reasonable to expect of a prudent contractor acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of relevant claims to insurers;
  - promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances of which the Supplier is or becomes aware; and
  - .Hold all policies in respect of the Insurances and cause any insurance broker affecting the Insurances to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the Insurances to which it is a party.

## 11. What happens if you aren't insured

- The Supplier shall not take any action or fail to take any action or (insofar as is reasonably within its power) permit anything to occur in relation to it which would entitle any insurer to refuse to pay any claim under any of the Insurances.
- . Where the Supplier has failed to purchase or maintain any of the Insurances in full force and effect, the Relevant Authority may elect (but shall not be obliged) following written notice to the Supplier to purchase the relevant Insurances and recover the reasonable premium and other reasonable costs incurred in connection therewith as a debt due from the Supplier.

#### 12. Evidence of insurance you must provide

The Supplier shall upon the Start Date and within 15 Working Days after the renewal of each of the Insurances, provide evidence, in a form satisfactory to the Relevant Authority, that the Insurances are in force and effect and meet in full the requirements of this Schedule.

### 13. Making sure you are insured to the required amount

The Supplier shall ensure that any Insurances which are stated to have a minimum limit "in the aggregate" are maintained at all times for the minimum limit of indemnity specified in this Contract and if any claims are made which do not relate to this Contract then the Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

#### 14. Cancelled Insurance

- The Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or non-renewal of any of the Insurances.
- The Supplier shall ensure that nothing is done which would entitle the relevant insurer to cancel, rescind or suspend any insurance or cover, or to treat any insurance, cover or claim as voided in whole or part. The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Relevant Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as practicable when it becomes aware of any relevant fact, circumstance or matter which has caused, or is reasonably likely to provide grounds to, the relevant insurer to give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or void any insurance, or any cover or claim under any insurance in whole or in part.

#### 15. Insurance claims

The Supplier shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Deliverables, or each Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Relevant Authority receives a claim relating to or arising out of a Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall cooperate with the Relevant Authority and assist it in dealing with such claims including without

limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.

- Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Relevant Authority notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any insurance claim in excess of 10% of the sum required to be insured pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 relating to or arising out of the provision of the Deliverables or this Contract on any of the Insurances or which, but for the application of the applicable policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Relevant Authority) full details of the incident giving rise to the claim.
- . Where any Insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier shall be liable for and shall promptly pay such premium.
- . Where any Insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below which the indemnity from insurers is excluded, the Supplier shall be liable for such excess or deductible. The Supplier shall not be entitled to recover from the Relevant Authority any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.

## ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

- Professional Indemnity insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than 2 million pounds (£2,000,000);
- Public Liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than 2 million pounds (£2,000,000); and
- Employers' Liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than 5 million pounds (£5,000,000).
- Product Liability insurance with cover (for a single event or series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than 2 million pounds (£2,000,000).]

## Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

## 1. What is Commercially Sensitive Information?

- . In this Schedule the Parties have sought to identify the Supplier's Confidential Information that is genuinely commercially sensitive and the disclosure of which would be the subject of an exemption under the FOIA and the EIRs.
- . Where possible, the Parties have sought to identify when any relevant Information will cease to fall into the category of Information to which this Schedule applies in the table below and in the Order Form (which shall be deemed incorporated into the table below).
- . Without prejudice to the Relevant Authority's obligation to disclose Information in accordance with FOIA or Clause 16 (When you can share information), the Relevant Authority will, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, seek to apply the relevant exemption set out in the FOIA to the following Information:

As set out in the Supplier's Confidential Commercially Sensitive Information pdf submitted with its tender and incorporated here and call off schedule 4 below:



## Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

## 1. What we expect from our Suppliers

- In February 2019, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government (<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachme">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachme</a> nt data/file/779660/20190220-Supplier Code of Conduct.pdf)
- . CCS expects its Suppliers and Subcontractors to meet the standards set out in that Code. In addition, CCS expects its Suppliers and Subcontractors to comply with the Standards set out in this Schedule.
- The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Buyer expects that the Supplier and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Buyer may notify the Supplier from time to time.

### 16. Equality and Accessibility

- In addition to legal obligations, the Supplier shall support CCS and the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under each Contract in a way that seeks to:
  - eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation of any kind; and
  - advance equality of opportunity and good relations between those with a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership) and those who do not share it.

## 17. Modern Slavery, Child Labour and Inhumane Treatment

- "Modern Slavery Helpline" means the mechanism for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available online at https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report or by telephone on 08000 121 700.
  - . The Supplier:
    - shall not use, nor allow its Subcontractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;
    - . shall not require any Supplier Staff or Subcontractor Staff to lodge deposits

or identify papers with the Employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;

- warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- shall have and maintain throughout the term of each Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act and include in its contracts with its Subcontractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under a Contract;
- shall prepare and deliver to CCS, an annual slavery and human trafficking report setting out the steps it has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains or in any part of its business with its annual certification of compliance with Paragraph 3;
- shall not use, nor allow its employees or Subcontractors to use physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or Subcontractors:
- . shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its Subcontractors;
- shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to CCS, the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

## 18. Income Security

- The Supplier shall:
  - ensure that that all wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards in the country of employment;
  - ensure that all Supplier Staff are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid;

- not make deductions from wages:
  - . as a disciplinary measure
  - . except where permitted by law; or
- . without expressed permission of the worker concerned;
- . record all disciplinary measures taken against Supplier Staff; and
- ensure that Supplier Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

### 19. Working Hours

- The Supplier shall:
  - ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;
  - that the working hours of Supplier Staff, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week unless the individual has agreed in writing;
  - ensure that use of overtime used responsibly, taking into account:
    - the extent;
    - frequency; and
    - hours worked:

by individuals and by the Supplier Staff as a whole;

- 5.2 The total hours worked in any seven day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 5.3 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any seven day period only in exceptional circumstances where all of the following are met:
  - 5.3.1 this is allowed by national law;
  - 5.3.2 this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce;
  - 5.3.3 appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and
  - 5.3.4 the employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.
- 5.4 All Supplier Staff shall be provided with at least one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period or, where allowed by national law, two (2) days off in every fourteen (14) day period.

## 6. Sustainability

6.1 The supplier shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Deliverables which can be found online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-the-government-buying-standards-gbs

# Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

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Request for [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Details of the Default:	[Guidance: Explain the Default, with clear schedule and clause references as appropriate]		
Deadline for receiving the [Revised] Rectification Plan:	[add date (minimum 10 day	s from request)]	
Signed by [CCS/Buyer] :		Date:	
Supplier [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Cause of the Default	[add cause]		
Anticipated impact assessment:	[add impact]		
Actual effect of Default:	[add effect]		
Steps to be taken to	Steps	Timescale	
rectification:	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[]	[date]	
Timescale for complete Rectification of Default	[X] Working Days		
Steps taken to prevent	Steps	Timescale	
recurrence of Default	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	

	4. []	[date] [date]
Signed by the Supplier:		Date:
Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Buyer]		
Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]	
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]	
Signed by [CCS/Buyer]		Date:

## Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)

### **Definitions**

In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Processor Personnel"

all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor

engaged in the performance of its obligations under a

Contract:

### Status of the Controller

- The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the nature of the activity carried out by each of them in relation to their respective obligations under a Contract dictates the status of each party under the DPA 2018. A Party may act as:
- . "Controller" in respect of the other Party who is "Processor";
- . "Processor" in respect of the other Party who is "Controller";
- . "Joint Controller" with the other Party;
- . "Independent Controller" of the Personal Data where the other Party is also

"Controller",

in respect of certain Personal Data under a Contract and shall specify in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) which scenario they think shall apply in each situation.

## Where one Party is Controller and the other Party its Processor

- . Where a Party is a Processor, the only Processing that it is authorised to do is listed in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) by the Controller.
- The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.
- The Processor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Controller in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any Processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Controller, include:
- . a systematic description of the envisaged Processing and the purpose of the Processing;
- . an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing in relation to the Deliverables;
- . an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.
- The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data Processed in connection with its obligations under the Contract:
- Process that Personal Data only in accordance with Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*), unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Processor shall notify the Controller before Processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;
- ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, including in the case of the Supplier the measures set out in Clause 14.3 of the Core Terms, which the Controller may reasonably reject (but failure to reject shall not amount to approval by the Controller of the adequacy of the Protective Measures) having taken account of the:
  - . nature of the data to be protected;
  - . harm that might result from a Personal Data Breach;
  - . state of technological development; and
  - cost of implementing any measures;

#### ensure that :

the Processor Personnel do not Process Personal Data except in accordance with the Contract (and in particular Annex 1 (*Processing* 

### Personal Data));

- it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Processor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:
  - are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this Joint Schedule 11, Clauses 14 (*Data protection*), 15 (*What you must keep confidential*) and 16 (*When you can share information*) of the Core Terms;
  - are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Processor or any Subprocessor;
  - . are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Controller or as otherwise permitted by the Contract; and
  - have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data;
- not transfer Personal Data outside of the UK or EU unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
  - the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with UK GDPR Article 46 or LED Article 37) as determined by the Controller;
  - the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
  - the Processor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Controller in meeting its obligations); and
  - the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the Processing of the Personal Data; and
- at the written direction of the Controller, delete or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Controller on termination of the Contract unless the Processor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.
- Subject to paragraph 8 of this Joint Schedule 11, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if in relation to it Processing Personal Data under or in connection with the Contract it:
- . receives a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request);
- . receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
- . receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;

- . receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data Processed under the Contract;
- . receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law; or
- . becomes aware of a Personal Data Breach.
- The Processor's obligation to notify under paragraph 7 of this Joint Schedule 11 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller, as details become available.
- Taking into account the nature of the Processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under paragraph 7 of this Joint Schedule 11 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by immediately providing:
- the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
- such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Controller to enable it to comply with a Data Subject Access Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
- the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
- assistance as requested by the Controller following any Personal Data Breach; and/or
- . assistance as requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office.
- The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this Joint Schedule 11. This requirement does not apply where the Processor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:
- . the Controller determines that the Processing is not occasional;
- the Controller determines the Processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the UK GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the UK GDPR; or
- the Controller determines that the Processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.
- The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.
- The Parties shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.

- . Before allowing any Subprocessor to Process any Personal Data related to the Contract, the Processor must:
- . notify the Controller in writing of the intended Subprocessor and Processing;
- . obtain the written consent of the Controller;
- enter into a written agreement with the Subprocessor which give effect to the terms set out in this Joint Schedule 11 such that they apply to the Subprocessor; and
- . provide the Controller with such information regarding the Subprocessor as the Controller may reasonably require.
- The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Subprocessors.
- The Relevant Authority may, at any time on not less than thirty (30) Working Days' notice, revise this Joint Schedule 11 by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to the Contract).
- The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Relevant Authority may on not less than thirty (30) Working Days' notice to the Supplier amend the Contract to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

#### Where the Parties are Joint Controllers of Personal Data

In the event that the Parties are Joint Controllers in respect of Personal Data under the Contract, the Parties shall implement paragraphs that are necessary to comply with UK GDPR Article 26 based on the terms set out in Annex 2 to this Joint Schedule 11.

#### **Independent Controllers of Personal Data**

- With respect to Personal Data provided by one Party to another Party for which each Party acts as Controller but which is not under the Joint Control of the Parties, each Party undertakes to comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Controller.
- Each Party shall Process the Personal Data in compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and not do anything to cause the other Party to be in breach of it.
- Where a Party has provided Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with paragraph 18 of this Joint Schedule 11 above, the recipient of the Personal Data will provide all such relevant documents and information relating to its data protection policies and procedures as the other Party may reasonably require.
- . The Parties shall be responsible for their own compliance with Articles 13 and 14 UK

GDPR in respect of the Processing of Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract.

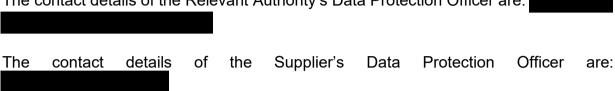
- The Parties shall only provide Personal Data to each other:
- . to the extent necessary to perform their respective obligations under the Contract;
- in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation (including by ensuring all required data privacy information has been given to affected Data Subjects to meet the requirements of Articles 13 and 14 of the UK GDPR); and
- . where it has recorded it in Annex 1 (Processing Personal Data).
- Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of Processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, each Party shall, with respect to its Processing of Personal Data as Independent Controller, implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the UK GDPR, and the measures shall, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation, including Article 32 of the UK GDPR.
- A Party Processing Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract shall maintain a record of its Processing activities in accordance with Article 30 UK GDPR and shall make the record available to the other Party upon reasonable request.
- Where a Party receives a request by any Data Subject to exercise any of their rights under the Data Protection Legislation in relation to the Personal Data provided to it by the other Party pursuant to the Contract ("Request Recipient"):
  - the other Party shall provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the Request Recipient to help it respond to the request or correspondence, at the cost of the Request Recipient; or
- where the request or correspondence is directed to the other Party and/or relates to that other Party's Processing of the Personal Data, the Request Recipient will:
  - promptly, and in any event within five (5) Working Days of receipt of the request or correspondence, inform the other Party that it has received the same and shall forward such request or correspondence to the other Party; and
  - . provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the other Party to help it respond to the request or correspondence in the timeframes specified by Data Protection Legislation.

- Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party upon it becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach relating to Personal Data provided by the other Party pursuant to the Contract and shall:
- do all such things as reasonably necessary to assist the other Party in mitigating the effects of the Personal Data Breach;
- . implement any measures necessary to restore the security of any compromised Personal Data;
- . work with the other Party to make any required notifications to the Information Commissioner's Office and affected Data Subjects in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation (including the timeframes set out therein); and
- not do anything which may damage the reputation of the other Party or that Party's relationship with the relevant Data Subjects, save as required by Law.
- Personal Data provided by one Party to the other Party may be used exclusively to exercise rights and obligations under the Contract as specified in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
- Personal Data shall not be retained or processed for longer than is necessary to perform each Party's respective obligations under the Contract which is specified in Annex 1 (Processing Personal Data).
- Notwithstanding the general application of paragraphs 2 to 16 of this Joint Schedule 11 to Personal Data, where the Supplier is required to exercise its regulatory and/or legal obligations in respect of Personal Data, it shall act as an Independent Controller of Personal Data in accordance with paragraphs 18 to 28 of this Joint Schedule 11.

## **Annex 1 - Processing Personal Data**

This Annex shall be completed by the Controller, who may take account of the view of the Processors, however the final decision as to the content of this Annex shall be with the Relevant Authority at its absolute discretion.

The contact details of the Relevant Authority's Data Protection Officer are:



The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.

Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

Description	Details	
Identity of Controller for each Category of Personal Data	<ul> <li>The Relevant Authority is Controller and the Supplier is Processor The Parties acknowledge that in accordance with paragraph 3 to paragraph 16 and for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Relevant Authority is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor of the following Personal Data: </li> <li>1. Names, email addresses and phone numbers of key contacts that may be provided to support the delivery of the contract by the suppliers.</li> <li>2. Names, email addresses and phone numbers of internal DHSC and wider government staff for the purpose of supporting the delivery of the contract by suppliers.</li> </ul>	
Duration of the Processing	1 September – 24 October 2025	
Nature and purposes of the Processing	Nature of processing: Collection, organisation, storage and use of personal data.	
	Purpose of processing: to support the delivery of the contracts by the supplier (for example, where they will need to speak to internal	

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	staff or external contacts to develop an evidence base for the project).
Type of Personal Data	Name, email, phone number, affiliated organisation and role
Categories of Data Subject	Staff Stakeholders of HDRS including but not limited to representatives of the following groups: academic institutions, life sciences organisations, charities, PPIE groups, SDEs and data service providers.
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data	Retained for the lifetime of the contract and destroyed in the month thereafter by the processor.

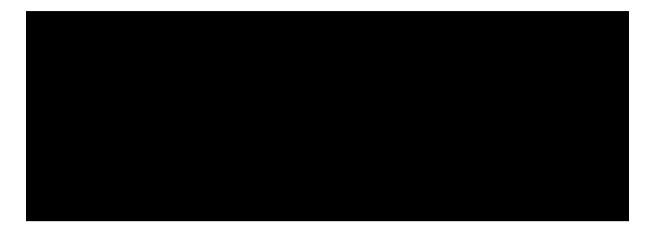
# Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call Off Tender) - Supplier Bid

After a further competition, if the Supplier's bid has additional things that you would like included in the contract, insert the Supplier's bid here.



# Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

All prices will be fixed as per HSSF Terms and Conditions. A day is defined as 8 hours. Day rates must include all anticipated expenses.		
Daily Rate £ (exc VAT)	Number of days/Units	Total £ (exc VAT)
		,
	Daily Rate £	Daily Rate £ Number



## Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)

- 1.1 The Order Form lists the key roles ("**Key Roles**") and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Start Date.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Contract Period.
- 1.3 The Buyer may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Staff.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall not and shall procure that any Subcontractor shall not remove or replace any Key Staff unless:
  - 1.4.1 requested to do so by the Buyer or the Buyer Approves such removal or replacement (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
  - 1.4.2 the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave; or
  - 1.4.3 the person's employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or Subcontractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee.

#### 1.5 The Supplier shall:

- 1.5.1 notify the Buyer promptly of the absence of any Key Staff (other than for shortterm sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
- 1.5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
- 1.5.3 give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Staff and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Staff's employment contract, this will mean at least three (3) Months' notice;
- 1.5.4 ensure that all arrangements for planned changes in Key Staff provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing staff work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the provision of the Deliverables; and

- 1.5.5 ensure that any replacement for a Key Role has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role and is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Staff whom he or she has replaced.
- 1.6 The Buyer may require the Supplier to remove or procure that any Subcontractor shall remove any Key Staff that the Buyer considers in any respect unsatisfactory. The Buyer shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.

## Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security)

## Part A: Short Form Security Requirements

#### 1. Definitions

In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Breach of	the occurrence of:
Security"	any unauthorised access to or use of the Deliverables, the Sites and/or any Information and Communication Technology ("ICT"), information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data) used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract; and/or
	the loss and/or unauthorised disclosure of any information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data), including any copies of such information or data, used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract,
	in either case as more particularly set out in the Security Policy where the Buyer has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 2.2;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to this Schedule, a draft of which has been provided by the Supplier to the Buyer and has been updated from time to time.

## 20. Complying with security requirements and updates to them

. The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4

(Framework Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

- The Supplier shall comply with the requirements in this Schedule in respect of the Security Management Plan. Where specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition it shall also comply with the Security Policy and shall ensure that the Security Management Plan produced by the Supplier fully complies with the Security Policy.
- . Where the Security Policy applies the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.
- If the Supplier believes that a change or proposed change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the provision of the Deliverables, it may propose a Variation to the Buyer. In doing so, the Supplier must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Charges shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
- Until and/or unless a change to the Charges is agreed by the Buyer pursuant to the Variation Procedure the Supplier shall continue to provide the Deliverables in accordance with its existing obligations.

## 21. Security Standards

- . The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer places great emphasis on the reliability of the performance of the Deliverables, confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on security.
- The Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of its security obligations and shall at all times provide a level of security which:
  - is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
  - . as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
  - . meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the Deliverables and/or the Government Data; and
  - where specified by the Buyer in accordance with paragraph 2.2 complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy.
- The references to standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph 3.2 shall be deemed to be references to such items as developed and updated and to any successor to or replacement for such standards, guidance and policies, as notified to the Supplier from time to time.
- In the event of any inconsistency in the provisions of the above standards, guidance and policies, the Supplier should notify the Buyer's Representative of such inconsistency immediately upon becoming aware of the same, and the Buyer's Representative shall, as soon as practicable, advise the Supplier which provision the Supplier shall be required to comply with.

## 22. Security Management Plan

#### Introduction

The Supplier shall develop and maintain a Security Management Plan in accordance with this Schedule. The Supplier shall thereafter comply with its obligations set out in the Security Management Plan.

#### Content of the Security Management Plan

The Security Management Plan shall:

- . comply with the principles of security set out in Paragraph 3 and any other provisions of this Contract relevant to security;
- identify the necessary delegated organisational roles for those responsible for ensuring it is complied with by the Supplier;
- detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Buyer with access to the Deliverables, processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, the Buyer Premises, the Sites and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
- be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract or in connection with any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
- set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Supplier in relation to all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Goods and/or Services and shall at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Deliverables comply with the provisions of this Contract;
- set out the plans for transitioning all security arrangements and responsibilities for the Supplier to meet the full obligations of the security requirements set out in this Contract and, where necessary in accordance with paragraph 2.2 the Security Policy; and
- be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Supplier and the Buyer engaged in the provision of the Deliverables and shall only reference documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.

## **Development of the Security Management Plan**

- Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date and in accordance with Paragraph 4.4, the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer for Approval a fully complete and up to date Security Management Plan which will be based on the draft Security Management Plan.
- If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Buyer in accordance with Paragraph 4.3.1, or any subsequent revision to it in accordance with Paragraph 4.4, is Approved it will be adopted immediately and will replace the previous version of the Security Management Plan and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not Approved, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of its first submission to the Buyer. If the Buyer does not approve the Security Management Plan following its resubmission, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- The Buyer shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its decision to Approve or not the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.2. However, a refusal by the Buyer to Approve the Security Management Plan on the grounds that it does not comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.2 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- Approval by the Buyer of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.2 or of any change to the Security Management Plan in accordance with Paragraph 4.4 shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

#### Amendment of the Security Management Plan

- The Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier at least annually to reflect:
  - . emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
  - . any change or proposed change to the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
  - where necessary in accordance with paragraph 2.2, any change to the Security Policy;
  - . any new perceived or changed security threats; and
  - . any reasonable change in requirements requested by the Buyer.
- The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amendment of the Security Management Plan at no additional cost to the Buyer. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:

- . suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the Security Management Plan;
- . updates to the risk assessments; and
- . suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
- Subject to Paragraph 4.4.4, any change or amendment which the Supplier proposes to make to the Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out in accordance with Paragraph 4.4.1, a request by the Buyer or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
- The Buyer may, acting reasonably, Approve and require changes or amendments to the Security Management Plan to be implemented on timescales faster than set out in the Variation Procedure but, without prejudice to their effectiveness, all such changes and amendments shall thereafter be subject to the Variation Procedure for the purposes of formalising and documenting the relevant change or amendment.

#### 23. Security breach

- . Either Party shall notify the other in accordance with the agreed security incident management process (as detailed in the Security Management Plan) upon becoming aware of any Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security.
- . Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 5.1, the Supplier shall:
  - immediately take all reasonable steps (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Buyer) necessary to:
    - . minimise the extent of actual or potential harm caused by any Breach of Security;
    - remedy such Breach of Security to the extent possible and protect the integrity of the Buyer and the provision of the Goods and/or Services to the extent within its control against any such Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security;
    - prevent an equivalent breach in the future exploiting the same cause failure; and
    - as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Buyer, where the Buyer so requests, full details (using the reporting mechanism defined by the Security Management Plan) of the Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security, including a cause analysis where required by the Buyer.
- In the event that any action is taken in response to a Breach of Security or potential or attempted Breach of Security that demonstrates non-compliance of the Security Management Plan with the Security Policy (where relevant in accordance with paragraph 2.2) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the

Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

# Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

## 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Exclusive Assets"	1 Supplier Assets used exclusively by the Supplier [or a Key Subcontractor] in the provision of the Deliverables;	
"Exit Information"	2 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;	
"Exit Manager"	3 the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;	
"Exit Plan"	4 the plan produced and updated by the Supplier during the Initial Period in accordance with Paragraph 4 of this Schedule;	
"Net Book Value"	5 the current net book value of the relevant Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the Framework Tender or Call-Off Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Supplier (which the Supplier shall ensure is in accordance with Good Industry Practice);	
"Non-Exclusive Assets"	6 those Supplier Assets used by the Supplier [or a Key Subcontractor] in connection with the Deliverables but which are also used by the Supplier [or Key Subcontractor] for other purposes;	

"Registers"	7 the register and configuration database referred to in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Replacement Goods"	8 any goods which are substantially similar to any of the Goods and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Services"	9 any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Termination Assistance"	10 the activities to be performed by the Supplier pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other assistance required by the Buyer pursuant to the Termination Assistance Notice;
"Termination Assistance Notice"	11 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule;
"Termination Assistance Period"	12 the period specified in a Termination Assistance Notice for which the Supplier is required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 of this Schedule;
"Transferable Assets"	13 Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Buyer;
"Transferable Contracts"	Supplier's Software, licences for Supplier's Software, licences for Third Party Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation;
"Transferring Assets"	15 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.1 of this Schedule;

"Transferring Contracts"	16	has the meaning given to it in
	Paragraph 8.2.3 of this Schedule.	

### 2. Supplier must always be prepared for contract exit

- 2.1 The Supplier shall within 30 days from the Start Date provide to the Buyer a copy of its depreciation policy to be used for the purposes of calculating Net Book Value.
- 2.2 During the Contract Period, the Supplier shall promptly:
- 2.2.1 create and maintain a detailed register of all Supplier Assets (including description, condition, location and details of ownership and status as either Exclusive Assets or Non-Exclusive Assets and Net Book Value) and Sub-contracts and other relevant agreements required in connection with the Deliverables; and
- 2.2.2 create and maintain a configuration database detailing the technical infrastructure and operating procedures through which the Supplier provides the Deliverables

## ("Registers").

- 2.3 The Supplier shall:
- 2.3.1 ensure that all Exclusive Assets listed in the Registers are clearly physically identified as such; and
- 2.3.2 procure that all licences for Third Party Software and all Sub-Contracts shall be assignable and/or capable of novation (at no cost or restriction to the Buyer) at the request of the Buyer to the Buyer (and/or its nominee) and/or any Replacement Supplier upon the Supplier ceasing to provide the Deliverables (or part of them) and if the Supplier is unable to do so then the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer and the Buyer may require the Supplier to procure an alternative Subcontractor or provider of Deliverables.
  - 2.4 Each Party shall appoint an Exit Manager within three (3) Months of the Start Date. The Parties' Exit Managers will liaise with one another in relation to all issues relevant to the expiry or termination of this Contract.

#### 3. Assisting re-competition for Deliverables

- 3.1 The Supplier shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Buyer and/or its potential Replacement Suppliers (subject to the potential Replacement Suppliers entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Buyer shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Buyer of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential Replacement Suppliers undertaking due diligence (the "Exit Information").
- 3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information (excluding the Supplier's or its Subcontractors' prices or costs) to an actual or prospective Replacement Supplier to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.

- 3.3 The Supplier shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an asrequested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any Deliverables (and shall consult the Buyer in relation to any such changes).
- 3.4 The Exit Information shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall be sufficient to enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for those Deliverables; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier.

#### 4. Exit Plan

- 4.1 The Supplier shall, within three (3) Months after the Start Date, deliver to the Buyer an Exit Plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.
- 4.2 The Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Exit Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of the latest date for its submission pursuant to Paragraph 4.1, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure
- 4.3 The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
- 4.3.1 a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
- 4.3.2 how the Deliverables will transfer to the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer;
- 4.3.3 details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
- 4.3.4 proposals for the training of key members of the Replacement Supplier's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the Deliverables following the Expiry Date;
- 4.3.5 proposals for providing the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier copies of all documentation relating to the use and operation of the Deliverables and required for their continued use;
- 4.3.6 proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the Deliverables;
- 4.3.7 proposals for the identification and return of all Buyer Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
- 4.3.8 proposals for the disposal of any redundant Deliverables and materials;
- 4.3.9 how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and

- 4.3.10 any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.
  - 4.4 The Supplier shall:
- 4.4.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
  - (a) throughout the Contract Period; and
  - (b) no later than [twenty (20) Working Days after a request from the Buyer for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
  - (c) as soon as reasonably possible following a Termination Assistance Notice, and in any event no later than ten (10)

    Working Days after the date of the Termination Assistance Notice:
  - (d) as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than twenty (20) Working Days following, any material change to the Deliverables (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
- 4.4.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Buyer and promptly correct any identified failures.
  - 4.5 Only if (by notification to the Supplier in writing) the Buyer agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Supplier under Paragraph 4.2 or 4.4 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
  - 4.6 A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Supplier.

#### 5. Termination Assistance

- 5.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Supplier (a "Termination Assistance Notice") at least four (4) Months prior to the Expiry Date or as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event, not later than one (1) Month) following the service by either Party of a Termination Notice. The Termination Assistance Notice shall specify:
- 5.1.1 the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
- 5.1.2 the start date and initial period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no longer than twelve (12) Months after the End Date.
  - 5.2 The Buyer shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the initial period specified in the Termination Assistance Notice in one or more extensions, in each case provided that:

- 5.2.1 no such extension shall extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the date twelve (12) Months after the End Date; and
- 5.2.2 the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any such extension no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the date on which the Termination Assistance Period is otherwise due to expire.
  - 5.3 The Buyer shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than twenty (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
  - 5.4 In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Buyer but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4, the Supplier will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Buyer approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).

#### 6. Termination Assistance Period

- 6.1 Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall:
- 6.1.1 continue to provide the Deliverables (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Buyer, provide the Termination Assistance:
- 6.1.2 provide to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for and conduct of the Deliverables to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier;
- 6.1.3 use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Buyer;
- 6.1.4 subject to Paragraph 6.3, provide the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
- 6.1.5 at the Buyer's request and on reasonable notice, deliver up-to-date Registers to the Buyer;
- 6.1.6 seek the Buyer's prior written consent to access any Buyer Premises from which the de-installation or removal of Supplier Assets is required.
  - 6.2 If it is not possible for the Supplier to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 6.1.2 without additional costs to the Buyer, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
  - 6.3 If the Supplier demonstrates to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Supplier's ability to meet one or more particular Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels and/or the applicable Service Credits accordingly.

# 7. Obligations when the contract is terminated

- 7.1 The Supplier shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.
- 7.2 Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance), the Supplier shall:
- 7.2.1 vacate any Buyer Premises;
- 7.2.2 remove the Supplier Equipment together with any other materials used by the Supplier to supply the Deliverables and shall leave the Sites in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Supplier is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Sites or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Supplier;
- 7.2.3 provide access during normal working hours to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:
  - (a) such information relating to the Deliverables as remains in the possession or control of the Supplier; and
  - (b) such members of the Supplier Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed by the Supplier, provided that the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier shall pay the reasonable costs of the Supplier actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.
  - 7.3 Except where this Contract provides otherwise, all licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier in relation to the Deliverables shall be terminated with effect from the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

# 8. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software

- 8.1 Following notice of termination of this Contract and during the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall not, without the Buyer's prior written consent:
- 8.1.1 terminate, enter into or vary any Subcontract or licence for any software in connection with the Deliverables; or
- 8.1.2 (subject to normal maintenance requirements) make material modifications to, or dispose of, any existing Supplier Assets or acquire any new Supplier Assets.
  - 8.2 Within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the up-to-date Registers provided by the Supplier, the Buyer shall notify the Supplier setting out:
- 8.2.1 which, if any, of the Transferable Assets the Buyer requires to be transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier ("**Transferring Assets**");
- 8.2.2 which, if any, of:
- (a) the Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets; and

(b) the Non-Exclusive Assets,

the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires the continued use of; and

- 8.2.3 which, if any, of Transferable Contracts the Buyer requires to be assigned or novated to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (the "Transferring Contracts"),
  - in order for the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period. The Supplier shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to enable it to determine which Transferable Assets and Transferable Contracts are required to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services.
  - 8.3 With effect from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall sell the Transferring Assets to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for their Net Book Value less any amount already paid for them through the Charges.
  - 8.4 Risk in the Transferring Assets shall pass to the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier (as appropriate) at the end of the Termination Assistance Period and title shall pass on payment for them.
  - 8.5 Where the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires continued use of any Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets or any Non-Exclusive Assets, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable:
- 8.5.1 procure a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free licence for the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier to use such assets (with a right of sub-licence or assignment on the same terms); or failing which
- 8.5.2 procure a suitable alternative to such assets, the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier to bear the reasonable proven costs of procuring the same.
  - 8.6 The Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable assign or procure the novation of the Transferring Contracts to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier. The Supplier shall execute such documents and provide such other assistance as the Buyer reasonably requires to effect this novation or assignment.
  - 8.7 The Buyer shall:
- 8.7.1 accept assignments from the Supplier or join with the Supplier in procuring a novation of each Transferring Contract; and
- 8.7.2 once a Transferring Contract is novated or assigned to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier, discharge all the obligations and liabilities created by or arising under that Transferring Contract and exercise its rights arising under that Transferring Contract, or as applicable, procure that the Replacement Supplier does the same.
  - 8.8 The Supplier shall hold any Transferring Contracts on trust for the Buyer until the transfer of the relevant Transferring Contract to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier has taken place.

8.9 The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer (and/or the Replacement Supplier, as applicable) against each loss, liability and cost arising out of any claims made by a counterparty to a Transferring Contract which is assigned or novated to the Buyer (and/or Replacement Supplier) pursuant to Paragraph 8.6 in relation to any matters arising prior to the date of assignment or novation of such Transferring Contract. Clause 19 (Other people's rights in this contract) shall not apply to this Paragraph 8.9 which is intended to be enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA

# 9. No charges

9.1 Unless otherwise stated, the Buyer shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

# 10. Dividing the bills

- 10.1 All outgoings, expenses, rents, royalties and other periodical payments receivable in respect of the Transferring Assets and Transferring Contracts shall be apportioned between the Buyer and/or the Replacement and the Supplier as follows:
- 10.1.1 the amounts shall be annualised and divided by 365 to reach a daily rate;
- 10.1.2 the Buyer or Replacement Supplier (as applicable) shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) that part of the value of the invoice pro rata to the number of complete days following the transfer, multiplied by the daily rate; and
- 10.1.3 the Supplier shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) the rest of the invoice.

# Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Call-Off Contract

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# **PURPOSE**

The intention to establish a Health Data Research Service (HDRS) was announced by the Prime Minister in April of this year. The Government and Wellcome Trust have announced up to £600m investment, with up to £500m government funding over five years, to establish HDRS. This service will be a 'secure single point of access' to local and national-scale datasets for researchers, beginning in 2026. It is intended to be a sustainable and long-term initiative.

HDRS is intended to create a true-step change for secure access to UK-wide health data, developing a globally competitive service that builds on the foundations of the 'NHS Research SDE Network' and other health data infrastructure initiatives to date across the UK. As part of the service's design and development, the Government has committed to codesign with stakeholders to ensure HDRS is fit for purpose and meets customer needs.

The main aim of this customer needs assessment is to inform the incoming CEO and executive team on the scale and scope of the service offer customers are seeking across a wide range of possible functions that HDRS could develop to ensure the best possible investment of the available funding.

In order to articulate the form and function of this service and develop a plan for delivering a minimal viable service by December 2026, DHSC is procuring two pieces of advice to contribute to wider discovery activities currently underway. These include this specification [Lot 2: Customer Needs Assessment] and the specification for HDRS Discovery Tender Lot 1: Commercial Framework Landscape.

# **BACKGROUND TO THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

DHSC supports ministers in leading the nation's health and social care to help people live more independent, healthier lives for longer.

#### **BACKGROUND TO REQUIREMENT/OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENT**

# **Background to requirement**

HDRS is being developed to enable transformative health and care research and attract sustained inward research investment into the UK. To ensure HDRS is fit for purpose, internationally competitive, and trusted, it must be co-designed with a wide range of relevant stakeholders through a customer-centred design approach. The service should also be developed in adherence to the <u>Government Design Principles - GOV.UK</u> and <u>Service Standards</u>. It is essential that HDRS delivers a transformative health data research service that meets stakeholder requirements while existing within and across a complex and evolving health data ecosystem.

This ecosystem includes **diverse customer groups** of various sector representations and size, across all four UK nations, as well as international organisations. By customer, we refer to any individual or organisation which would be potentially using the service. These

- **Industry and private sector**: large and SME pharmaceutical, biotech, health tech companies and data wrangler organisations.
- **Public sector and government**: NHS providers, commissioners, local authorities, the Department of Health and Social Care, Devolved Administrations and regulatory bodies, data controllers.
- Academic research institutions: universities and research centres conducting health and biomedical research
- Non-profit: charities, community interest companies and community benefitsocieties

HDRS will also need to service **diverse use cases** across the innovation development lifecycles:

- Real world studies: assessing safety, effectiveness and cost effectiveness of interventions
- Epidemiological studies: leveraging large cohorts for population health research
- Health systems research: evaluating healthcare delivery models, planning services and system performance
- Clinical trials: supporting feasibility assessments, recruitment strategies and efficacy evaluations
- Translational research: bridging academic discovery with real-world implementation

Al/algorithm development: enabling training, testing and validation of data-driven models

An initial set of core capabilities have been developed for HDRS that are responsive to preexisting stakeholder requirements across the ecosystem, though we envision these will evolve through our co-design work. This includes:

- Access to linked, national-scale primary care, hospital, prescribing and deaths data
- 2. Access to linked primary and secondary care data for consented research participants, focusing initially on UK's flagship assets

- 3. Access to diagnostic images, lab results, digital pathology, genomic and clinical letter data
- 4. Acceleration of data driven clinical trials through linking research ready health data and closer partnership with the clinical research delivery infrastructure
- 5. A single-entry point for NHS data with standardised commercial agreements, data access approvals and accredited research environments, including analytical and data wrangling capability and capacity as a service.
- 6. An intention to eventually support linkage to data from sectors outside the health and care system

# Background on SDE experience to inform HDRS

Over the past three years, a variety of customer research and stakeholder engagement has been conducted that has generated actionable insights that should inform the end-to-end design of HDRS. This includes research conducted by the NHS England Data for Research and Development programme, NHS England Data Access and Partnerships, NHS Research SDE Network, HDR UK Digital Hubs, Devolved Administrations and other national and regional data infrastructures and organisations such as HDR UK, AMRC and ABPI. This has identified that the health data ecosystem wants rapid access to nationally-representative, multimodal data through a single front door, underpinned by a transparent approach which maintains and increases public trust.

To meet these expectations, HDRS must:

- Meet minimum data requirements to be deemed an 'internationally competitive service', including linkage of HES, GP, mortality and prescribing data
- Ensure data access is secure, ethical and aligned with public expectations and NHS data governance principles.
- Be sufficiently flexible to meet the identified needs of a diverse customer base which varies significantly by sector, organisational type, research use case and levels of experience in working with health data.
- Provide the service standards, systems and capabilities required to meet use needs within the scope of the agreed HDRS service with an ambition that any services out of scope that customers interact with during their customer journey are able to seamlessly interact.

> Meet customer needs and provide clear, advice guidance and support, at the right time to during their journey.

It should be noted that HDRS's scope goes beyond the NHS England Data for Research and Development's SDE Network, aiming to develop a globally competitive customer focussed service for access to UK-wide health data.

There are also other relevant data providers outside the SDE network, with existing operating model and have a relevant client base and service offer. Their experience and learning to date would be very valuable to future considerations for HDRS.

# **Overview of Requirement**

Throughout the UK four nations and across data services, significant customer research has been undertaken and will provide valuable customer insights that should now serve as a foundation for designing the Health Data Research Service (HDRS) – not a ceiling. HDRS will build on this, and other existing health data assets in the UK, by addressing high priority use cases through enhanced capabilities and a unified service model that supports diverse customer and data access needs. DHSC is also aware of ongoing targeted specific customer group engagements on their HDRS requirements and the successful supplier would be expected to engage with relevant organisations delivering these activities to build in their insights into this broader customer needs assessment activity.

The aim of this work is to validate, define, synthesise and prioritise a rich and diverse set of customer-centred service and data requirements to inform priority use cases for design of phased HDRS delivery.

This work will:

- Focus in on key areas where more insight is needed beyond the existing customer research that has been done to date to understand customers' needs and expectations for HDRS.
- Define how HDRS can meet customer needs through its capabilities.
- Propose how an aggregated service model standard, bringing together multiple existing UK-wide services into one overarching service, can operate across varied scenarios.
- Identify the capabilities that will bring the highest possible value to customers addressing their pain points the most quickly, thus helping to define the phased

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delivery approach. Use customer insight to define the USP for HDRS as a globally competitive service to attract researchers and innovators.

The outcome will be a synthesised, prioritised set of customer-centred service and data requirements to guide the next phase of HDRS design and delivery.

# **DEFINITIONS**

Expression or acronym	Definition
HDRS	Health Data Research Service
SDE	Secure Data Environment
HDR UK	Health Data Research UK
HES	Hospital Episode Statistics
GP	General Practice

# REQUIREMENT

There are two work packages to support the project described in the overview above:

Work package 1: Cross-cutting HDRS service needs analysis

**Work package 2**: Deep dives into HDRS priority use cases, data requirements and priorities for phased delivery

Work package 1. Cross-cutting HDRS service needs analysis. This phase will identify and synthesise shared service needs across all customer groups to establish a unified foundation for a HDRS service design standard. It will combine secondary and primary research, blueprinting and capability mapping to ensure alignment across customer needs, technical optionality and policy context. This should utilise and build on recent work such as the Sudlow review and seek to fill any gaps rather than duplicate efforts. At the end of week 4, a report containing cross-cutting, customer-centred recommendations for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of recommendations). Key activities:

**Secondary research:** Conduct a rapid review and synthesis of internal and external assets, including existing customer research, service models and market landscape insights gone before and emerging. Identify any relevant ongoing specific customer groups needs assessment, insights of which should be built into this work. Identify any gaps in representation across the network of potential users of the HDRS service not represented in

the existing customer research, service models and market landscape insights. Provide insights into their expected requirements and how best to engage in the future to ensure all needs are understood. Insights should be translated into actionable findings that inform service design.

**Service blueprinting:** Map the current-state service blueprint for accessing and using health data for academic and commercial research in the UK, leveraging existing assets and research

- This should include the current range of services, data, and types of commercial contracts.
- Develop a high-level target blueprint for HDRS, showing the desired future state across key customer journey stages (e.g. browsing, requesting access, conducting research)
- Identify common customer journeys, pain points and service expectations that build on already defined customer requirements
- Establish a rank order of services that HDRS should provide to maximise impact and financial income.

**Primary research:** socialise the blueprint through participatory co-design. This includes a minimum of three facilitated roundtables with a diverse set of customers and stakeholders. Presenting findings and developing a proposal to the HDRS senior Co-Design group to confirm the Scope. Feedback from these fora should be incorporated into the service blueprint.

**Customer insight synthesis**: Consolidate findings to identify shared needs, priority datasets to be globally competitive, pain points, and expectations across sectors and research types. Developing a set of cross-cutting HDRS personas and a unified, view of common customer needs. Customer needs should consider not simply the data requirement but also the use and complexities of data needs e.g. timescales for access to data, data quality, curation, etc.

**Prioritisation and capability mapping:** Preparing the consolidated customer requirements to be dispatched across all HDRS workstreams, including:

- Developing a suitable prioritisation criterion to order common customer needs by overall impact and feasibility e.g.:
  - Critical vs optional capabilities
  - Quick wins vs long-term investments

- Dataset and infrastructure prioritisation
- Future engagement and iteration strategies
- Translating the service blueprint into a set of business capabilities that support work planning and the development of feature and service roadmaps with HDRS Service and Product Owners
- Identification of high priority research domains including the agreement of the criterion for the selection considering volume, benefits to the public and complexity.

# **Key Deliverables for Work Package 1:**

- A synthesis report of shared customer needs, pain points, and opportunities across research domains.
- A high-level target HDRS service blueprint covering browsing, access requests, and project execution.
- Documentation of three roundtables with diverse research customers and stakeholders.
- A board level presentation of findings and recommendations on service scope.
- A validated target service blueprint, refined through participatory co-design.
- A set of core customer personas and a prioritised list of general service requirements.
- A prioritised service roadmap developed against agreed prioritisation criteria.
- Identified areas for Alpha delivery with detailed discovery to support the requirements.
- A business capability map aligned to the service blueprint, with functional components ready for handoff to HDRS workstreams.
- Prioritisation criterion for research domains to be tested and agreed with the Senior Co-Design group.
- Agreed Priority Research domains to be tested in phase 2 ensuring these are sufficiently diverse in nature to drive service design and commercial insights.

> Testing the translation of the needs articulated against proposals for an MVP data offering and the prioritisation of the inclusion of datasets.

Work package 2: Deep dives into HDRS priority use cases. This phase will validate and refine the HDRS service model developed in work package 1 by testing it against four high-priority research use cases. Each use case will be explored in depth across the full customer journey to ensure the HDRS service model is robust, adaptable, and responsive to domain-specific needs. At the end of week 8, a report containing customer-centred recommendations per priority research use case for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of recommendations). Key activities (per priority use case):

- **Identification of the Service Standard:** Conduct a rapid review and synthesisation including:
  - test the proposed MVP data offering (HES, GP, Mortality and Prescribing) and the scale to which that offering will meet customer needs
  - the identification of priority datasets, timescales for access to data, data quality, curation and analysis support that would make the globally competitive
  - test the relative importance of national vs local data and their relative merits (e.g. large but shallow, deep but smaller in scale)
- Secondary research: Conduct a rapid review and synthesisation of internal
  and external assets, including existing customer research, service and
  commercial models and market landscape insights relevant to the four use
  cases. This includes analysis of emerging thought leadership reports and
  relevant ongoing sub-group of customers targeted engagements and arising
  insights, considering how these can be included within the scope of this work.
  Insights should be translated into actionable findings that inform service
  design.
- **Service blueprinting:** Take the high-level target blueprint developed in Phase 1 and apply domain-specific overlays for each use case. These overlays will highlight unique requirements, constraints, and opportunities within each research domain
- Primary research: Conduct interviews and focus groups with customers and

stakeholders per each use case to test the proposed HDRS service model against domain-specific needs. This should seek to identify gaps, enhancements or adaptations required to meet specialised requirements. This should particularly focus on the high priority domains identified but be inclusive of wider customer needs

- Customer insights synthesis: Consolidate findings to identify bespoke needs, pain points, and expectations across sectors per use case. Developing a set of HDRS personas and a prioritised view of customer needs per use case including collating all discovery evidence to provide justification for progression to Alpha stages. Defining a prioritised delivery model for HDRS including datasets and proposed phasing working with service owners to understand current volumes of research conducted in each user case to be considered in prioritisation.
- Prioritisation and capability mapping: Preparing the consolidated customer requirements to be dispatched across all HDRS workstreams, including:
  - the development of a suitable prioritisation criterion to order use case specific requirements by overall impact and feasibility e.g.:
    - Critical vs optional capabilities
    - Quick wins vs long-term investments
    - Dataset and infrastructure prioritisation
    - Future engagement and iteration strategies
  - translating the service blueprint into a set of business capabilities that support work planning and the development of feature and service roadmaps with HDRS Service and Product Owner

# **Key Deliverables for Work Package 2:**

- Conduct a rapid review and synthesisation of internal and external assets, including existing customer research, service and commercial models and market landscape insights relevant to the four use cases.
- Conduct interviews and focus groups with customers and stakeholders per each use case to test the proposed HDRS service model against domainspecific needs.

- Develop a set of HDRS personas and a prioritised view of customer needs and pain points per use case including collating all discovery evidence to provide justification for progression to Alpha stages.
- Define a prioritised delivery model for HDRS including datasets and proposed phasing.

#### **KEY MILESTONES**

The Potential Provider should note that outputs are due to be completed as per the below schedule, across an 8-week project commencing on 1 September 2025 with final outputs due on Friday 24 October 2025. Firm dates will be agreed upon contract signing. The output needs to be written in such a way to be useful to enable the incoming CEO and executive team to prioritise the design and commercial model of the service.

# **Specific Deliverables and Milestones:**

**Work package 1:** At the end of week 4, a report containing cross-cutting, customer-centred recommendations for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of recommendations).

**Work package 2**: At the end of week 8, a report containing customer-centred recommendations per priority research use case for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of recommendations) (c. 20 pages of recommendations).

The provider will be required to provide a detailed methodology and project plan and will be required to run two half day workshops with the HDRS team and senior stakeholders to go through the findings and interrogate them in depth.

The Potential Provider should note the following project milestones that the Authority will measure the quality of delivery against:

Milestone	Description	Timeframe
1	A detailed methodology and project plan	By the end of week 1 of contract award
2	A report containing cross- cutting, customer-centred recommendations for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of	Within week 4 of contract award

Milestone	Description	Timeframe
	recommendations)	
3	A report containing customer-centred recommendations per priority research use case for HDRS delivery (c. 20 pages of recommendations)	Within week 8 of contract award
4	Two half-day workshops	Within week 8 of contract award

#### **AUTHORITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The authority will assist in providing appropriate contacts, as well as unpublished analysis where essential, but the provider should also bring their own contacts and suggestions for how to hear from new voices to define this work. There are a range of well heard voices in this space, and these should not be heard at the expense of other, less regularly questioned expertise.

The Authority will provide a clear senior and working level point of contact throughout the 8-week contract period and ensure a representative is available at all scheduled meetings to discuss the project.

# **CONTRACT AND SERVICE MANAGEMENT**

Twice weekly progress review meetings between the Authority and the Contractor for the duration of the 8-week project. These can be conducted virtually within regular office hours.

The Potential Provider is required to operate in a transparent way, and to share all developing analysis and outputs in an open manner.

Two half-day workshops in person in London with the HDRS team towards the end of the 8 week contract period.

# **REPORTING**

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Robust project management and regular accurate reporting is essential throughout the entire contract period. This will enable the Department to monitor the contract delivery, manage risks, and fulfil internal governance-reporting requirements. The successful supplier will be expected to regularly meet with DHSC and report in line with the finalised set of milestones and KPIs. The supplier will also be expected to report potential problems to DHSC promptly and develop corrective actions and mitigations to keep delivery on track.

#### **CONTRACT DURATION**

The length of this contract will be 8 weeks.

#### **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

The Supplier will be expected to continually improve the way in which the required Services are to be delivered throughout the Contract duration.

The Supplier should present new ways of working, if necessary, to the Authority during twice weekly contract review meetings.

Changes to the way in which the Services are to be delivered must be brought to the Authority's attention and agreed prior to any changes being implemented.

# STAFF AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Authority requires the potential provider to provide a sufficient level of resource throughout the duration of the Discovery Lot 2 Contract to consistently deliver a quality service to all Parties.

Potential provider's staff assigned to the Discovery Lot 2 Contract shall have the relevant qualifications and experience to deliver the Contract and demonstrable delivery and subject matter expertise in:

- identifying and analysing current user need, pain points and service design
- translating research findings into actionable insights, including the ability to
  prioritise and rationalise insights by impact and feasibility, ensure requirements
  are deliverable and pragmatic and not simply a description of a 'perfect
  service'.
- the delivery of a vision for service development and enough knowledge to be able to describe this to stakeholders sensitively and appropriately

The Potential Provider would also benefit from knowledge in the secondary use of health data, including:

- the uses of routine clinical and operational data for research and innovation, the health and health related data landscape within the UK and internationally available for research including key stakeholders, as well as the wider life sciences industry;
- the way in which NHS data flows through the health system and is accessed in the UK through NHS England Data Access Request Service and the multiple research assets, including HDR UK, the NHS Research SDE Network, CPRD, OpenSAFELY, SAIL, Scottish Safe Havens, Honest Broker Service in Northern Ireland, as well as consented cohorts such as Genomics England, Our Future Health, and UK Biobank;
- the broad range of relevant Government reviews and existing published literature articulating user need and pain points associated to current health data infrastructure set up (e.g. SDE Network) and the case for change, including but not limited to:
  - o How can the technology industry help tackle challenges around SDEs?
  - o <u>Driving growth and patient benefit through SDEs</u>
  - Unlocking NHS data for research how to improve the regional Secure
     Data Environment
  - Uniting the UK's Health Data: A Huge Opportunity for Society (Sudlow Review)
  - Better, broader, safer: using health data for research and analysis GOV.UKOptions appraisal to deliver a health data research service in England
  - From research to reality: A vision for a research and innovationpowered NHS
  - Wishlist for the National Data Library
  - UK National Data Library | Wellcome
- the need for public trust and for outputs and recommendations to be appraised against this requirement consider public deliberations such as
  - o <a href="https://transform.england.nhs.uk/key-tools-and-info/data-saves-lives/national-public-engagement-on-the-use-of-health-data/">https://transform.england.nhs.uk/key-tools-and-info/data-saves-lives/national-public-engagement-on-the-use-of-health-data/</a>

- o Public-deliberation-in-the-use-of-health-and-care-data.pdf
- Sharing health data Lessons for the UK from the EHDS |
   Understanding patient data
- the information governance, ethical and legal constraints and implications of proposals, highlighting where user requirements may elicit or require policy reform against the status quo.

The Potential Provider shall ensure that staff understand the Authority's vision and objectives and will provide excellent customer service to the Authority throughout the duration of the Contract.

The potential Provider will be expected to work closely with the potential provider of the Discovery Lot 1 Commercial Framework Landscape to share relevant insights to the development of the complementary discovery activities, and where relevant the engagement of common stakeholders.

# **SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

The Potential Provider must employ the appropriate organisational, operational and technological processes and procedures to keep personal data safe from unauthorised use or access, loss, destruction, theft or disclosure. The Potential Provider will securely process and store personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

# **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)**

Intellectual property will remain property of the Contracting Authority.

#### **PAYMENT**

Payment can only be made following satisfactory delivery of pre-agreed certified products and deliverables.

Before payment can be considered, each invoice must include a detailed elemental breakdown of work completed and the associated costs.

# **LOCATION**

The location of the Services will be carried out at the provider's premises, apart from the half day workshops, which will be in London. Occasional additional commute to London might be required.

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