

**NHS England (1)**

**AND**

**Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) (2)**

**NATIONAL PERIOPERATIVE CARE AUDIT**

**CONTRACT VARIATION AGREEMENT**

**Atamis Contract Ref: C126626  
Business Case Ref: BC-12878**

**THIS VARIATION AGREEMENT** is made on

2024

**BETWEEN:**

- (1) **NHS England** of Wellington House, 133 – 155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG (“**the Authority**”);
- and
- (2) **Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)** of 27A, Harley Place, London, W1G 8LZ (“**the Supplier**”)

Each a “**Party**” and together referred to as “**the Parties**”.

**BACKGROUND:**

- (A) The Authority and the Supplier entered into a contract entitled “National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcome Programme (NCAPOP)” on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (“**the Contract**”).
- (B) The Authority and the Supplier have mutually agreed to vary the Contract for a National Perioperative Care Audit as detailed below in (2) Contract Variation.
- (C) The Authority will make payment to the supplier as detailed below (3) Costs / Commercial Schedule 6.

**IT IS AGREED** as follows:

**1. Definitions and Interpretation**

- Capitalised words and phrases in this Variation Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
- The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

## **2. Contract Variation:**

- In accordance with Clause 21 (Change Management) of Schedule 2, the Contract the Authority and Supplier have mutually agreed to vary the contract as outlined below.
- Contract variation to commission HQIP to develop and introduce a National Clinical Audit of Perioperative Care to the NCAPOP in order to reduce unwarranted deviation from evidence-based practice in the perioperative pathway and thereby reduce complications, length of hospital stay and readmissions.

### **Objectives:**

- i) To measure and improve compliance against national standards for perioperative care of patients having inpatient surgery.
- ii) To measure variation in outcome between providers which could be explained by unwarranted variation in delivery of evidence-based practice.

## **3. Costs / Schedule 6 (Commercial Schedule)**

- The Supplier will be paid a maximum of **£900,000** (exclusive of VAT).
- Work to develop and introduce a National Clinical Audit of Perioperative Care with work commencing from 01/02/2024.
- The Supplier shall note Perioperative Audit contract variation is awarded up to the end of the first three years of the NCAPOP Contract with a further plus two years if the HQIP - NCAPOP headline contract is extended.
- HQIP shall award a contract to a provider on a three plus two-year basis to secure economies of scale, optimal solutions, including the standard option to enact a break clause if conditions are met.

**IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties have signed this Variation Agreement on the date(s) shown below:**

**Signed for and on behalf of NHS England**

[Redacted Signature]

**Name:** [Redacted]

**Full Name:** [Redacted]

**Position** [Redacted]

**Job Title/Role:** [Redacted]

**Date Signed:** 27/03/2024

**Signed for and on behalf of Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)**

[Redacted Signature]

**Name:** [Redacted]

**Full Name:** [Redacted]

**Position** [Redacted]

**Job Title/Role:** [Redacted]

**Date Signed:** 19/03/24