

**ESN Royal London Hospital Proof of Concept**

**Contract Ref: C25949**

**March 2024**

**Call-Off Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)**

1. Buyer’s Rights
	1. This Schedule shall apply only when so specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition. The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), the Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
2. Supplier’s Obligations
	1. The Supplier shall have an ongoing obligation throughout the Contract Period, to identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables in accordance with this Call Off Schedule 3 with a view to reducing the Buyer’s costs (including the Call-Off Contract Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables and their supply to the Buyer. As part of this obligation the Supplier shall identify and report to the Buyer once every twelve (12) months regarding:
		1. the emergence of new and evolving relevant technologies which could improve the ICT Environment and/or the provision of the Deliverables, and those technological advances potentially available to the Supplier and the Buyer which the Parties may wish to adopt;
		2. new or potential improvements to the Deliverables or the provision of the Deliverables including in respect of the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, ways of performing the Services and customer support services in relation to the Deliverables;
		3. changes in business processes and working practices that would enable the Deliverables to be provided at lower cost and/or with greater benefits to the Buyer;
		4. changes to the ICT Environment, business processes and working practices that would enable reductions in the total energy consumed in the provision of the Deliverables;
		5. improvements which the Supplier uses or is planning to use with its other customers;
		6. proposals as to how any investment required for continuous improvement could be shared with other customers of the Supplier;
		7. a zero usage report to identify opportunities for cost avoidance;
		8. measuring and reducing the sustainability impacts of the Supplier's operations and supply-chains relating to the Deliverables, and identifying opportunities to assist the Buyer in meeting their sustainability objectives;
	2. The Supplier must adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Deliverables, which must include regular reviews with the Buyer of the Deliverables and the way it provides them, with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables. The Supplier and the Buyer must provide each other with any information relevant to meeting this objective.
	3. The initial Continuous Improvement Plan for the first (1st) Contract Year shall be submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer for Approval within one hundred (100) Working Days of the first Order or six (6) Months following the Start Date, whichever is earlier.
	4. The Buyer shall notify the Supplier of its Approval or rejection of the proposed Continuous Improvement Plan or any updates to it within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt. If it is rejected then the Supplier shall, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of notice of rejection, submit a revised Continuous Improvement Plan reflecting the changes required. Once Approved, it becomes the Continuous Improvement Plan for the purposes of this Contract.
	5. The Supplier must provide sufficient information with each suggested improvement to enable a decision on whether to implement it. The Supplier shall provide any further information as requested.
	6. If the Buyer wishes to incorporate any improvement identified by the Supplier into this Contract, including any impact on the Charges declared by the Supplier as part of that improvement, it must request a Variation in accordance with the Variation Procedure and the Supplier must implement such Variation at no additional cost to the Buyer or CCS.
	7. Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been Approved in accordance with Paragraph 2.5:
		1. the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement any agreed deliverables in accordance with the Continuous Improvement Plan; and
		2. the Parties agree to meet as soon as reasonably possible following the start of each quarter (or as otherwise agreed between the Parties) to review the Supplier's progress against the Continuous Improvement Plan.
	8. The Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first (1st) Contract Year) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 2.3.
	9. All costs relating to the compilation or updating of the Continuous Improvement Plan and the costs arising from any improvement made pursuant to it and the costs of implementing any improvement, shall have no effect on and are included in the Charges.
	10. Should the Supplier's costs in providing the Deliverables to the Buyer be reduced as a result of any changes implemented, all of the cost savings shall be passed on to the Buyer by way of a consequential and immediate reduction in the Charges for the Deliverables.
	11. At any time during the Contract Period of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier may make a proposal for gainshare. If the Buyer deems gainshare to be applicable then the Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan so as to include details of the way in which the proposal shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed gainshare ratio.
	12. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Call-Off Contract, the Parties may not change or improve the Deliverables in any way which adversely affects or may adversely affect any relevant PSN Standards or HSCN obligations and processes.