

# Award Form

This Award Form creates the Contract. It summarises the main features of the procurement and includes the Buyer and the Supplier's contact details.

1.	<b>Buyer</b>	<p>The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) (the Buyer).</p> <p>Its offices are on: Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NY</p>
2.	<b>Supplier</b>	<p>Name: <b><i>Medigold Health Consultancy Limited</i></b></p> <p>Address: <b><i>Medigold House, Queensbridge. Northampton, NN4 7BF</i></b></p> <p>Registration number: <b>[REDACTED]</b></p> <p>SID4GOV ID: <b>[REDACTED]</b></p>
3.	<b>Contract</b>	<p>This Contract between the Buyer and the Supplier is for the supply of Deliverables.</p> <p>This opportunity was advertised in the Contract Notice in Find A Tender, reference <b><i>FTS-008946</i></b> (FTS Contract Notice) and on Contracts Finder, reference <b><i>C213520 (CF Notice)</i></b>.</p>

4.	<b>Contract reference</b>	22_11_04 NHS Pensions Medical Services
5.	<b>Deliverables</b>	<p>The Supplier is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the NHS Pension Scheme regulations and the potential differences between each Section/Scheme on each application.</li> <li>• Make and convey the decisions on initial applications for ill health retirement benefits and permanent injury benefits in line with the provisions of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations and NHS Injury Benefit Regulations.</li> <li>• Provide medical advice and recommendations in relation to claims for temporary injury allowance.</li> <li>• Provide medical advice and recommendations for disputes under the Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) procedures and in response to investigations by the Pensions Ombudsman within the Statutory Target dates.</li> <li>• Provide advice and recommendations in other cases where reasonably requested by the NHS Pensions of the Buyer, e.g., incapacitated child.</li> <li>• Provide advice and recommendations for Severe Ill Health retirement application in line with the HMRC Guidance.</li> <li>• Ensure UK GDPR Regulations and Quality Control is in place in accordance with NHS Pension Scheme Regulations.</li> <li>• Ensure, if required, that Further Medical Evidence is requested to support the decision outcome of a members ill health application.</li> <li>• To provide a digital solution for customers to be able to track their application and comply with verification and security checks prior to disclosing sensitive information.</li> <li>• In the first year of the contract, there is potential to be a requirement to re-assess c6,000 McCloud cases following the McCloud judgement.</li> </ul> <p>Further details are set out in Schedule 2 – Specification.</p>

6.	<b>Buyer Cause</b>	<p>Any breach of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the obligations of the Buyer or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Buyer, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Buyer is liable to the Supplier</li> </ul> <p>And the Buyer shall have no obligation to perform any obligations placed on it in Schedule 2 (Specification) or Schedule 4 (Tender) unless they are specifically identified above.</p>
7.	<b>Collaborative working principles</b>	<p>The Collaborative Working Principles do not apply to this Contract.</p> <p>See Clause 3.1.3 for further details.</p>
8.	<b>Financial Transparency Objectives</b>	<p>The Financial Transparency Objectives does apply to this Contract.</p> <p>See Clause 6.3 for further details.</p>
9.	<b>Start Date</b>	23/07/2024
10.	<b>Expiry Date</b>	22/07/2028
11.	<b>Extension Period</b>	<p>Further period up to 22/07/2031</p> <p>Extension exercised where the Buyer gives the Supplier no less than 3 Months' written notice before the Contract expires</p>
12.	<b>Ending the Contract without a reason</b>	<p>The Buyer shall be able to terminate the Contract in accordance with Clause section 14.3 of the Core Terms.</p>
13.	<b>Incorporated Terms</b> (together these documents form the "the Contract")	<p>The following documents are incorporated into the Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using these Schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This Award Form</li> <li>Any Special Terms (see <b>Section 14 (Special Terms)</b> in this Award Form)</li> <li>Core Terms</li> <li>Schedule 1 (Definitions)</li> <li>Schedule 6 (Transparency Reports)</li> <li>Schedule 20 (Processing Data)</li> </ol>

		<p>h) The following Schedules (in equal order of precedence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Schedule 2 (Specification)</li> <li>b. Schedule 3 (Charges)</li> <li>c. Schedule 5 (Commercially Sensitive Information)</li> <li>d. Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer)</li> <li>e. Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan &amp; Testing)</li> <li>f. Schedule 10 (Service Levels)</li> <li>g. Schedule 11 (Continuous Improvement)</li> <li>h. Schedule 12 (Benchmarking)</li> <li>i. Schedule 13 (Contract Management)</li> <li>j. Schedule 14 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)</li> <li>k. Schedule 16 (Security)</li> <li>l. Schedule 18 (Supply Chain Visibility)</li> <li>m. Schedule 21 (Variation Form)</li> <li>n. Schedule 22 (Insurance Requirements)</li> <li>o. Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties)</li> <li>p. Schedule 25 (Rectification Plan)</li> <li>q. Schedule 26 (Sustainability)</li> <li>r. Schedule 27 (Key Subcontractors)</li> <li>s. Schedule 28 (ICT Services)</li> <li>t. Schedule 29 (Key Supplier Staff)</li> <li>u. Schedule 30 (Exit Management)</li> <li>v. Schedule 32 (Background Checks)</li> <li>w. Schedule 36 (IPR)</li> <li>x. Schedule 37 (Corporate Resolution Planning)</li> </ul> <p>i) Schedule 4 (Tender), unless any part of the Tender offers a better commercial position for the Buyer (as decided by the Buyer, in its absolute discretion), in which case that aspect of the Tender will take precedence over the documents above.</p>
14.	Special Terms	<div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>

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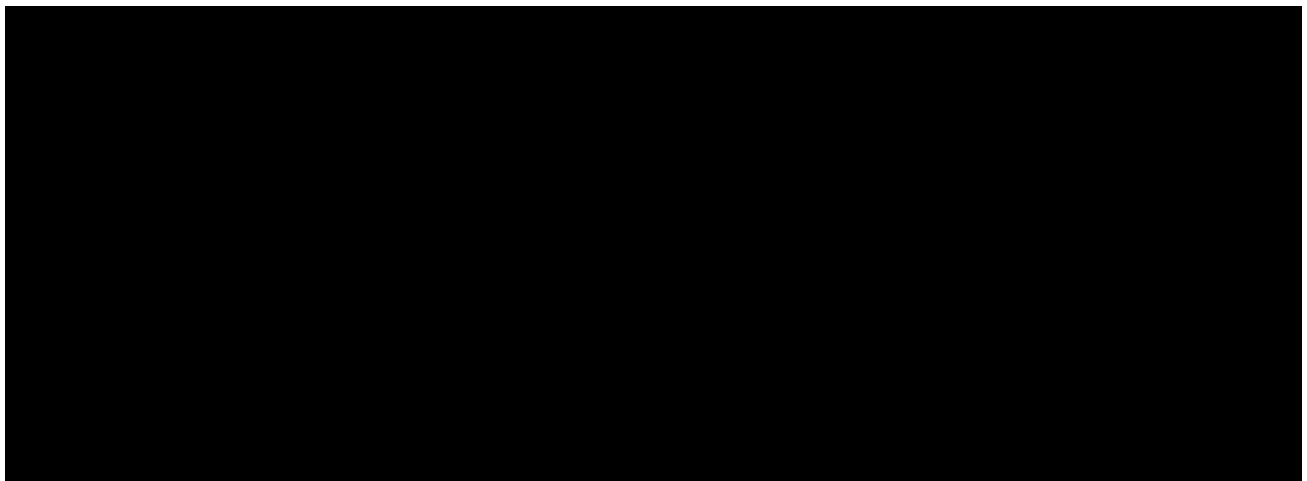
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15.	<b>Sustainability</b>	The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Contract, that it will comply with Schedule 26 (Sustainability).
16.	<b>Buyer's Environmental Policy</b>	<a href="#"><u><i>SHEPOL 001 Environmental Policy 0.pdf (nhsbsa.nhs.uk)</i></u></a>
17.	<b>Social Value Commitment</b>	The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Contract, to deliver the Social Value outcomes in Schedule 4 (Tender) and report on the Social Value KPIs as required by Schedule 10 (Service Levels).
18.	<b>Buyer's Security Policy</b>	<a href="#"><u>Information Security Policy (nhsbsa.nhs.uk)</u></a>
19.	<b>Commercially Sensitive Information</b>	Schedule 5 (Commercially Sensitive Information)]
20.	<b>Charges</b>	Details in Schedule 3 (Charges)
21.	<b>Reimbursable expenses</b>	Details in Schedule 3 (Charges)
22.	<b>Payment method</b>	<div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 60%;"></div>
23.	<b>Service Levels</b>	Service Credits will accrue in accordance with Schedule 10 (Service Levels)  The Service Credit Cap is: 10% of the Charges for the Service Period The Service Period is: 1 calendar month  A Critical Service Level Failure is: Severity 1 Service Incident
24.	<b>Insurance</b>	Details in Annex of Schedule 22 (Insurance Requirements).
25.	<b>Liability</b>	In accordance with Clause 15.1 each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under the Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than the greater of <b>£1.5 million</b> or <b>150%</b> of the Estimated Yearly Charges  In accordance with Clause 15.5, the Supplier's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under Clause 18.8.5 (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than the Data Protection Liability, being <b>£10 million</b> .

26.	<b>Cyber Essentials Certification</b>	N/A
27.	<b>Progress Meetings and Progress Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Supplier shall attend Progress Meetings with the Buyer every month</li> <li>• The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with Progress Reports every month</li> <li>• Reports to be provided as set out in Appendix A of Schedule 2 (Specification)</li> </ul>
28.	<b>Guarantee</b>	N/A
29.	<b>Virtual Library</b>	<p>In accordance with Paragraph 2.2. of Schedule 30 (Exit Management)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the period in which the Supplier must create and maintain the Virtual Library, is as set out in that Paragraph 2 of Schedule 30 (Exit Management)</li> <li>• the Supplier shall update the Virtual Library (To be agreed by the Buyer)</li> </ul>
30.	<b>Supplier Contract Manager</b>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
31.	<b>Supplier Authorised Representative</b>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
32.	<b>Supplier Compliance Officer</b>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
33.	<b>Supplier Data Protection Officer</b>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>



34.	<b>Supplier Marketing Contact</b>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
35.	<b>Key Subcontractors</b>	<div></div>
36.	<b>Buyer Authorised Representative</b>	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>



# **Core Terms – Mid-tier**

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## 1. Definitions used in the contract

Interpret this Contract using Schedule 1 (Definitions).

## 2. How the contract works

- 2.1 If the Buyer decides to buy Deliverables under the Contract it must state its requirements using the Award Form. If allowed by the Regulations, the Buyer can:
  - 2.1.1 make changes to the Award Form;
  - 2.1.2 create new Schedules;
  - 2.1.3 exclude optional template Schedules; and
  - 2.1.4 use Special Terms in the Award Form to add or change terms.
- 2.2 The Contract:
  - 2.2.1 is between the Supplier and the Buyer; and
  - 2.2.2 includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Award Form.
- 2.3 The Supplier acknowledges it has all the information required to perform its obligations under the Contract before entering into it. When information is provided by the Buyer no warranty of its accuracy is given to the Supplier.
- 2.4 The Supplier acknowledges that, subject to the Allowable Assumptions set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 3 (Charges) (if any), it has satisfied itself of all details relating to:
  - 2.4.1 the Buyer's requirements for the Deliverables;
  - 2.4.2 the Buyer's operating processes and working methods; and
  - 2.4.3 the ownership and fitness for purpose of the Buyer Assets,and it has advised the Buyer in writing of:
  - 2.4.4 each aspect, if any, of the Buyer's requirements for the Deliverables, operating processes and working methods that is not suitable for the provision of the Services;
  - 2.4.5 the actions needed to remedy each such unsuitable aspect; and
  - 2.4.6 a timetable for and, to the extent that such costs are to be payable to the Supplier, the costs of those actions,and such actions, timetable and costs are fully reflected in this Contract.

- 2.5 The Supplier won't be excused from any obligation, or be entitled to additional Costs or Charges because it failed to either:
  - 2.5.1 verify the accuracy of the Due Diligence Information; and
  - 2.5.2 properly perform its own adequate checks.
- 2.6 The Buyer will not be liable for errors, omissions or misrepresentation of any information.
- 2.7 The Supplier warrants and represents that all statements made and documents submitted as part of the procurement of Deliverables are and remain true and accurate.

### 3. What needs to be delivered

#### 3.1 All deliverables

- 3.1.1 The Supplier must provide Deliverables:
  - a) that comply with the Specification, the Tender Response and the Contract;
  - b) using reasonable skill and care;
  - c) using Good Industry Practice;
  - d) using its own policies, processes and internal quality control measures as long as they don't conflict with the Contract;
  - e) on the dates agreed; and
  - f) that comply with Law.
- 3.1.2 The Supplier must provide Deliverables with a warranty of at least 90 days from Delivery against all obvious defects or for such other period as specified in the Award Form.
- 3.1.3 Where the Award Form states that the Collaborative Working Principles will apply, the Supplier must co-operate and provide reasonable assistance to any Buyer Third Party notified to the Supplier by the Buyer from time to time and act at all times in accordance with the following principles:
  - a) proactively leading on, mitigating and contributing to the resolution of problems or issues irrespective of its contractual obligations, acting in accordance with the principle of "fix first, settle later";
  - b) being open, transparent and responsive in sharing relevant and accurate information with Buyer Third Parties;
  - c) where reasonable, adopting common working practices, terminology, standards and technology and a collaborative

- approach to service development and resourcing with Buyer Third Parties;
- d) providing reasonable cooperation, support, information and assistance to Buyer Third Parties in a proactive, transparent and open way and in a spirit of trust and mutual confidence; and
- e) identifying, implementing and capitalising on opportunities to improve deliverables and deliver better solutions and performance throughout the relationship lifecycle.

### 3.2 Goods clauses

- 3.2.1 All Goods delivered must be new, or as new if recycled, unused and of recent origin.
- 3.2.2 All manufacturer warranties covering the Goods must be assignable to the Buyer on request and for free.
- 3.2.3 The Supplier transfers ownership of the Goods on Delivery or payment for those Goods, whichever is earlier.
- 3.2.4 Risk in the Goods transfers to the Buyer on Delivery of the Goods, but remains with the Supplier if the Buyer notices damage following Delivery and lets the Supplier know within 3 Working Days of Delivery.
- 3.2.5 The Supplier warrants that it has full and unrestricted ownership of the Goods at the time of transfer of ownership.
- 3.2.6 The Supplier must deliver the Goods on the date and to the specified location during the Buyer's working hours.
- 3.2.7 The Supplier must provide sufficient packaging for the Goods to reach the point of Delivery safely and undamaged.
- 3.2.8 All deliveries must have a delivery note attached that specifies the order number, type and quantity of Goods.
- 3.2.9 The Supplier must provide all tools, information and instructions the Buyer needs to make use of the Goods.
- 3.2.10 The Supplier must indemnify the Buyer against the costs of any Recall of the Goods and give notice of actual or anticipated action about the Recall of the Goods.
- 3.2.11 The Buyer can cancel any order or part order of Goods which has not been Delivered. If the Buyer gives less than 14 days' notice then it will pay the Supplier's reasonable and proven costs already incurred on the cancelled order as long as the Supplier uses all reasonable endeavours to minimise these costs.

- 3.2.12 The Supplier must at its own cost repair, replace, refund or substitute (at the Buyer's option and request) any Goods that the Buyer rejects because they don't conform with Clause 3. If the Supplier doesn't do this it will pay the Buyer's costs including repair or re-supply by a third party.

### 3.3 **Services clauses**

- 3.3.1 Late Delivery of the Services will be a Default of the Contract.
- 3.3.2 The Supplier must co-operate with the Buyer and third party suppliers on all aspects connected with the Delivery of the Services and ensure that Supplier Staff comply with any reasonable instructions of the Buyer or third party suppliers.
- 3.3.3 The Supplier must at its own risk and expense provide all Supplier Equipment required to Deliver the Services.
- 3.3.4 The Supplier must allocate sufficient resources and appropriate expertise to the Contract.
- 3.3.5 The Supplier must take all reasonable care to ensure performance does not disrupt the Buyer's operations, employees or other contractors.
- 3.3.6 The Supplier must ensure all Services, and anything used to Deliver the Services, are of good quality and free from defects.
- 3.3.7 The Buyer is entitled to withhold payment for partially or undelivered Services, but doing so does not stop it from using its other rights under the Contract.

## 4. **Pricing and payments**

- 4.1 In exchange for the Deliverables, the Supplier must invoice the Buyer for the Charges in the Award Form.
- 4.2 All Charges:
  - 4.2.1 exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice; and
  - 4.2.2 include all costs connected with the Supply of Deliverables.
- 4.3 The Buyer must pay the Supplier the Charges within 30 days of receipt by the Buyer of a valid, undisputed invoice, in cleared funds using the payment method and details stated in the Award Form.
- 4.4 A Supplier invoice is only valid if it:
  - 4.4.1 includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Buyer; and
  - 4.4.2 includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Deliverables and Milestone(s) (if any).



- 4.5 The Buyer may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Supplier under this Contract or any other agreement between the Supplier and the Buyer if notice and reasons are provided.
- 4.6 The Supplier must ensure that all Subcontractors are paid, in full, within 30 days of receipt of a valid, undisputed invoice. If this does not happen, the Buyer can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.
- 4.7 The Supplier has no right of set-off, counterclaim, discount or abatement unless they're ordered to do so by a court.

## **5. The buyer's obligations to the supplier**

- 5.1 If Supplier Non-Performance arises from a Buyer Cause:
  - 5.1.1 the Buyer cannot terminate the Contract under Clause 14.4.1;
  - 5.1.2 the Supplier is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from Delay Payments, liability and Deduction under this Contract;
  - 5.1.3 the Supplier is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery;
  - 5.1.4 the Supplier cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Deliverables.
- 5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Supplier:
  - 5.2.1 gives notice to the Buyer of the Buyer Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware;
  - 5.2.2 demonstrates that the Supplier Non-Performance only happened because of the Buyer Cause; and
  - 5.2.3 mitigated the impact of the Buyer Cause.

## **6. Record keeping and reporting**

- 6.1 The Supplier must attend Progress Meetings with the Buyer and provide Progress Reports when specified in the Award Form.
- 6.2 The Supplier must keep and maintain full and accurate records and accounts in respect of the Contract during the Contract Period and for 7 years after the End Date and in accordance with the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires, including the records and accounts which the Buyer has a right to Audit.
- 6.3 Where the Award Form states that the Financial Transparency Objectives apply, the Supplier must co-operate with the Buyer to achieve the Financial Transparency Objectives and, to this end, will provide a Financial Report to the Buyer:

- 6.3.1 on or before the Start Date;
  - 6.3.2 at the end of each Contract Year; and
  - 6.3.3 within 6 Months of the end of the Contract Period,and the Supplier must meet with the Buyer if requested within 10 Working Days of the Buyer receiving a Financial Report.
- 6.4 If the Supplier becomes aware of an event that has occurred or is likely to occur in the future which will have a material effect on the:
  - 6.4.1 Supplier's currently incurred or forecast future Costs; and
  - 6.4.2 forecast Charges for the remainder of the Contract,then the Supplier must notify the Buyer in writing as soon as practicable setting out the actual or anticipated effect of the event.
- 6.5 The Supplier must allow any Auditor access to their premises and the Buyer will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Auditor:
  - 6.5.1 complies with the Supplier's operating procedures; and
  - 6.5.2 does not unreasonably disrupt the Supplier or its provision of the Deliverables.
- 6.6 During an Audit, the Supplier must provide information to the Auditor and reasonable co-operation at their request including access to:
  - 6.6.1 all information within the permitted scope of the Audit;
  - 6.6.2 any Sites, equipment and the Supplier's ICT system used in the performance of the Contract; and
  - 6.6.3 the Supplier Staff.
- 6.7 The Parties will bear their own costs when an Audit is undertaken unless the Audit identifies a material Default by the Supplier, in which case the Supplier will repay the Buyer's reasonable costs in connection with the Audit.
- 6.8 The Supplier must comply with the Buyer's reasonable instructions following an Audit, including:
  - 6.8.1 correcting any identified Default;
  - 6.8.2 rectifying any error identified in a Financial Report; and
  - 6.8.3 repaying any Charges that the Buyer has overpaid.
- 6.9 If the Supplier is not providing any of the Deliverables, or is unable to provide them, it must immediately:
  - 6.9.1 tell the Buyer and give reasons;
  - 6.9.2 propose corrective action; and

6.9.3 provide a deadline for completing the corrective action.

- 6.10 Except where an Audit is imposed on the Buyer by a regulatory body or where the Buyer has reasonable grounds for believing that the Supplier has not complied with its obligations under this Contract, the Buyer may not conduct an Audit of the Supplier or of the same Key Subcontractor more than twice in any Contract Year.

## **7. Supplier staff**

- 7.1 The Supplier Staff involved in the performance of the Contract must:
- 7.1.1 be appropriately trained and qualified;
  - 7.1.2 be vetted using Good Industry Practice and the Security Policy; and
  - 7.1.3 comply with all conduct requirements when on the Buyer's Premises.
- 7.2 Where the Buyer decides one of the Supplier's Staff is not suitable to work on the Contract, the Supplier must replace them with a suitably qualified alternative.
- 7.3 If requested, the Supplier must replace any person whose acts or omissions have caused the Supplier to breach Clauses 31.1 to 31.4.
- 7.4 The Supplier must provide a list of Supplier Staff needing to access the Buyer's Premises and say why access is required.
- 7.5 The Supplier indemnifies the Buyer against all claims brought by any person employed by the Supplier caused by an act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier Staff.

## **8. Supply chain**

### **8.1 Appointing Subcontractors**

- 8.1.1 The Supplier must exercise due skill and care when it selects and appoints Subcontractors to ensure that the Supplier is able to:
- a) manage Subcontractors in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
  - b) comply with its obligations under this Contract; and
  - c) assign, novate or transfer its rights and/or obligations under the Sub-Contract that relate exclusively to this Contract to the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.

### **8.2 Mandatory provisions in Sub-Contracts**

- 8.2.1 The Supplier will ensure that all Sub-Contracts in the Supplier's supply chain entered into after the Effective Date wholly or substantially for the

purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Contract contain provisions that:

- a) allow the Supplier to terminate the Sub-Contract if the Subcontractor fails to comply with its obligations in respect of environmental, social, equality or employment Law;
- b) require the Supplier to pay all Subcontractors in full, within 30 days of receiving a valid, undisputed invoice; and
- c) allow the Buyer to publish the details of the late payment or non-payment if this 30-day limit is exceeded.

8.2.2 The Supplier will take reasonable endeavours to ensure that all Sub-Contracts in the Supplier's supply chain entered into before the Effective Date but made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Contract contain provisions that:

- a) allow the Supplier to terminate the Sub-Contract if the Subcontractor fails to comply with its obligations in respect of environmental, social, equality or employment Law;
- b) require the Supplier to pay all Subcontractors in full, within 30 days of receiving a valid, undisputed invoice; and
- c) allow the Buyer to publish the details of the late payment or non-payment if this 30-day limit is exceeded.

### 8.3 **When Sub-Contracts can be ended**

8.3.1 At the Buyer's request, the Supplier must terminate any Sub-Contracts in any of the following events:

- a) there is a Change of Control of a Subcontractor which isn't pre-approved by the Buyer in writing;
- b) the acts or omissions of the Subcontractor have caused or materially contributed to a right of termination under Clause 14.4;
- c) a Subcontractor or its Affiliates embarrasses or brings into disrepute or diminishes the public trust in the Buyer;
- d) the Subcontractor fails to comply with its obligations in respect of environmental, social, equality or employment Law; and/or
- e) the Buyer has found grounds to exclude the Subcontractor in accordance with Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

### 8.4 **Competitive terms**

8.4.1 If the Buyer can get more favourable commercial terms for the supply at cost of any materials, goods or services used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables and that cost is reimbursable by the Buyer, then the

Buyer may require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with the more favourable terms offered for the relevant items.

- 8.4.2 If the Buyer uses Clause 8.4.1 then the Charges must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.

## 8.5 **Ongoing responsibility of the Supplier**

- 8.5.1 The Supplier is responsible for all acts and omissions of its Subcontractors and those employed or engaged by them as if they were its own.

# 9. **Rights and protection**

- 9.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:
- 9.1.1 it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform the Contract;
  - 9.1.2 the Contract is executed by its authorised representative;
  - 9.1.3 it is a legally valid and existing organisation incorporated in the place it was formed;
  - 9.1.4 there are no known legal or regulatory actions or investigations before any court, administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or threatened against it or its Affiliates that might affect its ability to perform the Contract;
  - 9.1.5 all necessary rights, authorisations, licences and consents (including in relation to IPRs) are in place to enable the Supplier to perform its obligations under the Contract and for the Buyer to receive the Deliverables;
  - 9.1.6 it doesn't have any contractual obligations which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform the Contract;
  - 9.1.7 it is not impacted by an Insolvency Event or a Financial Distress Event; and
  - 9.1.8 neither it nor, to the best of its knowledge the Supplier Staff, have committed a Prohibited Act prior to the Start Date or been subject to an investigation relating to a Prohibited Act.
- 9.2 The warranties and representations in Clauses 2.7 and 9.1 are repeated each time the Supplier provides Deliverables under the Contract.
- 9.3 The Supplier indemnifies the Buyer against each of the following:
- 9.3.1 wilful misconduct of the Supplier, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract; and

- 9.3.2 non-payment by the Supplier of any tax or National Insurance.
- 9.4 All claims indemnified under this Contract must use Clause 30.
- 9.5 The Buyer can terminate the Contract for breach of any warranty or indemnity where they are entitled to do so.
- 9.6 If the Supplier becomes aware of a representation or warranty that becomes untrue or misleading, it must immediately notify the Buyer.
- 9.7 All third party warranties and indemnities covering the Deliverables must be assigned for the Buyer's benefit by the Supplier.

## **10. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)**

- 10.1 The Parties agree that the terms set out in Schedule 36 (Intellectual Property Rights) shall apply to this Contract.
- 10.2 If there is an IPR Claim, the Supplier indemnifies the Buyer against all losses, damages, costs or expenses (including professional fees and fines) incurred as a result.
- 10.3 If an IPR Claim is made or anticipated the Supplier must at its own expense and the Buyer's sole option, either:
  - 10.3.1 obtain for the Buyer the rights to continue using the relevant item without infringing any third party IPR; or
  - 10.3.2 replace or modify the relevant item with substitutes that don't infringe IPR without adversely affecting the functionality or performance of the Deliverables.
- 10.4 If the Buyer requires that the Supplier procures a licence in accordance with Schedule 36 or to modify or replace an item pursuant to Schedule 36, but this has not avoided or resolved the IPR Claim, then the Buyer may terminate this Contract by written notice with immediate effect.

## **11. Rectifying issues**

- 11.1 If there is a Notifiable Default, the Supplier must notify the Buyer within 3 Working Days of the Supplier becoming aware of the Notifiable Default and the Buyer may request that the Supplier provide a Rectification Plan within 10 Working Days of the Buyer's request alongside any additional documentation that the Buyer requires.
- 11.2 When the Buyer receives a requested Rectification Plan it can either:
  - 11.2.1 reject the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan giving reasons; or

- 11.2.2 accept the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan (without limiting its rights) in which case the Supplier must immediately start work on the actions in the Rectification Plan at its own cost.
- 11.3 Where the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan is rejected, the Buyer:
  - 11.3.1 will give reasonable grounds for its decision; and
  - 11.3.2 may request that the Supplier provides a revised Rectification Plan within 5 Working Days.

## 12. Escalating issues

- 12.1 If the Supplier fails to:
  - 12.1.1 submit a Rectification Plan or a revised Rectification Plan within the timescales set out in Clauses 11.1 or 11.3; and
  - 12.1.2 adhere to the timescales set out in an accepted Rectification Plan to resolve the Notifiable Default.or if the Buyer otherwise rejects a Rectification Plan, the Buyer can require the Supplier to attend an Escalation Meeting on not less than 5 Working Days' notice. The Buyer will determine the location, time and duration of the Escalation Meeting(s) and the Supplier must ensure that the Supplier Authorised Representative is available to attend.
- 12.2 The Escalation Meeting(s) will continue until the Buyer is satisfied that the Notifiable Default has been resolved, however, where an Escalation Meeting(s) has continued for more than 5 Working Days, either Party may treat the matter as a Dispute to be handled through the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 12.3 If the Supplier is in Default of any of its obligations under this Clause 12, the Buyer shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement and the Finan of termination set out in Clause 14.5.1 shall apply as if the contract were terminated under Clause 14.4.1.

## 13. Step-in rights

- 13.1 If a Step-In Trigger Event occurs, the Buyer may give notice to the Supplier that it will be taking action in accordance with this Clause 13.1 and setting out:
  - 13.1.1 whether it will be taking action itself or with the assistance of a third party;
  - 13.1.2 what Required Action the Buyer will take during the Step-In Process;
  - 13.1.3 when the Required Action will begin and how long it will continue for;
  - 13.1.4 whether the Buyer will require access to the Sites; and

- 13.1.5 what impact the Buyer anticipates that the Required Action will have on the Supplier's obligations to provide the Deliverables.
- 13.2 For as long as the Required Action is taking place:
  - 13.2.1 the Supplier will not have to provide the Deliverables that are the subject of the Required Action;
  - 13.2.2 no Deductions will be applicable in respect of Charges relating to the Deliverables that are the subject of the Required Action; and
  - 13.2.3 the Buyer will pay the Charges to the Supplier after subtracting any applicable Deductions and the Buyer's costs of taking the Required Action.
- 13.3 The Buyer will give notice to the Supplier before it ceases to exercise its rights under the Step-In Process and within 20 Working Days of this notice the Supplier will develop a draft Step-Out Plan for the Buyer to approve.
- 13.4 If the Buyer does not approve the draft Step-Out Plan, the Buyer will give reasons and the Supplier will revise the draft Step-Out Plan and re-submit it for approval.
- 13.5 The Supplier shall bear its own costs in connection with any step-in by the Buyer under this Clause 13, provided that the Buyer shall reimburse the Supplier's reasonable additional expenses incurred directly as a result of any step-in action taken by the Buyer under:
  - 13.5.1 limbs (f) or (g) of the definition of a Step-In Trigger Event; or
  - 13.5.2 limbs (h) and (i) of the definition of a Step-in Trigger Event (insofar as the primary cause of the Buyer serving a notice under Clause 13.1 is identified as not being the result of the Supplier's Default).

## 14. Ending the contract

- 14.1 The Contract takes effect on the Start Date and ends on the End Date or earlier if terminated under this Clause 14 or if required by Law.
- 14.2 The Buyer can extend the Contract for the Extension Period by giving the Supplier written notice before the Contract expires as described in the Award Form.
- 14.3 **Ending the contract without a reason**

The Buyer has the right to terminate the Contract at any time without reason or (unless the Award Form states something different) liability by giving the Supplier not less than 90 days' notice (unless a different notice period is set out in the Award Form) and if it's terminated Clauses 14.5.1b) to 14.5.1h) applies.



#### **14.4 When the Buyer can end the Contract**

14.4.1 If any of the following events happen, the Buyer has the right to immediately terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- a) there's a Supplier Insolvency Event;
- b) the Supplier fails to notify the Buyer in writing of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance
- c) there's a Notifiable Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan;
- d) the Buyer rejects a Rectification Plan or the Supplier does not provide it within 10 days of the request;
- e) there's any material Default of the Contract;
- f) a Default that occurs and then continues to occur on one or more occasions within 6 Months following the Buyer serving a warning notice on the Supplier that it may terminate for persistent breach of the Contract;
- g) there's any material Default of any Joint Controller Agreement relating to the Contract;
- h) there's a Default of Clauses 2.7, 10, 12, 18, 19, 31, 36, Schedule 19 (Cyber Essentials) (where applicable) or Schedule 36 (Intellectual Property Rights) relating to the Contract;
- i) the performance of the Supplier causes a Critical Service Level Failure to occur;
- j) there's a consistent repeated failure to meet the Service Levels in Schedule 10 (Service Levels);
- k) there's a Change of Control of the Supplier which isn't pre-approved by the Buyer in writing;
- l) the Buyer discovers that the Supplier was in one of the situations in 57 (1) or 57(2) of the Regulations at the time the Contract was awarded;
- m) the Supplier or its Affiliates embarrass or bring the Buyer into disrepute or diminish the public trust in them; or
- n) the Supplier fails to comply with its legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social, equality or employment Law when providing the Deliverables.

14.4.2 The Buyer also has the right to terminate the Contract in accordance with Clauses 9.5 and 24.3, Paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 37 (Corporate Resolution Planning) (where applicable) and Paragraph 7 of Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties) (where applicable).

- 14.4.3 If any of the events in 73 (1) (a) or (b) of the Regulations happen, the Buyer has the right to immediately terminate the Contract and Clauses 14.5.1b) to 14.5.1h) applies.

**14.5 What happens if the contract ends**

- 14.5.1 Where the Buyer terminates the Contract under Clauses 14.4.1 and 9.5, Paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 37 (Corporate Resolution Planning) (where applicable) or Paragraph 7 of Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties) (where applicable). all of the following apply:
- a) The Supplier is responsible for the Buyer's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Deliverables for the rest of the Contract Period.
  - b) The Buyer's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.
  - c) Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.
  - d) The Supplier must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by Law.
  - e) The Supplier must promptly return any of the Buyer's property provided under the terminated Contract.
  - f) The Supplier must, at no cost to the Buyer, co-operate fully in the handover and re-procurement (including to a Replacement Supplier).
  - g) The Supplier must repay to the Buyer all the Charges that it has been paid in advance for Deliverables that it has not provided as at the date of termination or expiry.
  - h) The following Clauses survive the termination of the Contract: 3.2.10, 6, 7.2, 10, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 39, 40, Schedule 36 (Intellectual Property Rights) and any Clauses and Schedules which are expressly or by implication intended to continue.

- 14.5.2 If either Party terminates the Contract under Clause 24.3:

- a) each party must cover its own Losses; and
- b) Clauses 14.5.1b) to 14.5.1h) applies.

**14.6 When the Supplier can end the contract**

- 14.6.1 The Supplier can issue a Reminder Notice if the Buyer does not pay an undisputed invoice on time. The Supplier can terminate the Contract if the Buyer fails to pay an undisputed invoiced sum due and worth over 10% of the total Contract Value within 30 days of the date of the Reminder Notice.
- 14.6.2 The Supplier also has the right to terminate the Contract in accordance with Clauses 24.3 and 27.5.

14.6.3 Where the Buyer terminates the Contract under Clause 14.3 or the Supplier terminates the Contract under Clause 14.6.1 or 27.5:

- a) the Buyer must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Supplier;
- b) the Buyer must pay the Supplier reasonable committed and unavoidable Losses as long as the Supplier provides a fully itemised and costed schedule with evidence – the maximum value of this payment is limited to the total sum payable to the Supplier if the Contract had not been terminated; and
- c) Clauses 14.5.1(b)) to 14.5.1(h) apply.

#### **14.7 Partially ending and suspending the contract**

14.7.1 Where the Buyer has the right to terminate the Contract it can terminate or suspend (for any period), all or part of it. If the Buyer suspends the Contract it can provide the Deliverables itself or buy them from a third party.

14.7.2 The Buyer can only partially terminate or suspend the Contract if the remaining parts of the Contract can still be used to effectively deliver the intended purpose.

14.7.3 The Parties must agree any necessary Variation required by this Clause 14.7 using the Variation Procedure, but the Supplier may not either:

- a) reject the Variation; or
- b) increase the Charges, except where the right to partial termination is under Clause 14.3.

14.7.4 The Buyer can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under this Clause 14.7.

## **15. How much you can be held responsible for**

15.1 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under the Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than the greater of £5 million or 150% of the Estimated Yearly Charges unless specified otherwise in the Award Form.

15.2 Neither Party is liable to the other for:

15.2.1 any indirect Losses; and

15.2.2 Loss of profits, turnover, savings, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (in each case whether direct or indirect).

- 15.3 In spite of Clause 15.1, neither Party limits or excludes any of the following:
  - 15.3.1 its liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors;
  - 15.3.2 its liability for bribery or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees; and
  - 15.3.3 any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by Law.
- 15.4 In spite of Clause 15.1, the Supplier does not limit or exclude its liability for any indemnity given under Clauses 7.5, 9.3, 10.2.1, 16.3 or Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer) of the Contract.
- 15.5 In spite of Clause 15.1, but subject to Clauses 15.2 and 15.3, the Supplier's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under Clause 18.8.5 is no more than the Data Protection Liability Cap.
- 15.6 Each Party must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any Loss or damage which it suffers under or in connection with the Contract, including any indemnities.
- 15.7 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 15.1 the following items will not be taken into consideration:
  - 15.7.1 Deductions; and
  - 15.7.2 any items specified in Clause 15.4.
- 15.8 If more than one Supplier is party to the Contract, each Supplier Party is fully responsible for both their own liabilities and the liabilities of the other Suppliers.

## 16. Obeying the law

- 16.1 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 26 (Sustainability).
- 16.2 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of:
  - 16.2.1 the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and
  - 16.2.2 section 182 of the Finance Act 1989.
- 16.3 The Supplier indemnifies the Buyer against any costs resulting from any Default by the Supplier relating to any applicable Law.
- 16.4 The Supplier must appoint a Compliance Officer who must be responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with Law, Clause 16.1 and Clauses 31 to 36.

## 17. Insurance

The Supplier must, at its own cost, obtain and maintain the Required Insurances in Schedule 22 (Insurance Requirements).

## 18. Data protection

- 18.1 The Supplier must process Personal Data and ensure that Supplier Staff process Personal Data only in accordance with Schedule 20 (Processing Data).
- 18.2 The Supplier must not remove any ownership or security notices in or relating to the Government Data.
- 18.3 The Supplier must make accessible back-ups of all Government Data, stored in an agreed off-site location and send the Buyer copies every 6 Months.
- 18.4 The Supplier must ensure that any Supplier system holding any Government Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy and any applicable Security Management Plan.
- 18.5 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that the Government Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded, then the Supplier must immediately notify the Buyer and suggest remedial action.
- 18.6 If the Government Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded so as to be unusable the Buyer may either or both:
  - 18.6.1 tell the Supplier to restore or get restored Government Data as soon as practical but no later than 5 Working Days from the date that the Buyer receives notice, or the Supplier finds out about the issue, whichever is earlier; and
  - 18.6.2 restore the Government Data itself or using a third party.
- 18.7 The Supplier must pay each Party's reasonable costs of complying with Clause 18.6 unless the Buyer is entirely at fault.
- 18.8 The Supplier:
  - 18.8.1 must provide the Buyer with all Government Data in an agreed open format within 10 Working Days of a written request;
  - 18.8.2 must have documented processes to guarantee prompt availability of Government Data if the Supplier stops trading;
  - 18.8.3 must securely destroy all Storage Media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media using Good Industry Practice;
  - 18.8.4 securely erase all Government Data and any copies it holds when asked to do so by the Buyer unless required by Law to retain it; and
  - 18.8.5 indemnifies the Buyer against any and all Losses incurred if the Supplier breaches Clause 18 or any Data Protection Legislation.

## 19. What you must keep confidential

- 19.1 Each Party must:
  - 19.1.1 keep all Confidential Information it receives confidential and secure;
  - 19.1.2 not disclose, use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent, except for the purposes anticipated under the Contract; and
  - 19.1.3 immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.
- 19.2 In spite of Clause 19.1, a Party may disclose Confidential Information which it receives from the Disclosing Party in any of the following instances:
  - 19.2.1 where disclosure is required by applicable Law, a regulatory body or a court with the relevant jurisdiction if the Recipient Party notifies the Disclosing Party of the full circumstances, the affected Confidential Information and extent of the disclosure;
  - 19.2.2 if the Recipient Party already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party;
  - 19.2.3 if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
  - 19.2.4 if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure;
  - 19.2.5 if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information;
  - 19.2.6 on a confidential basis, to its auditors or for the purpose of regulatory requirements;
  - 19.2.7 on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis; and
  - 19.2.8 to the Serious Fraud Office where the Recipient Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may be a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010.
- 19.3 The Supplier may disclose Confidential Information on a confidential basis to Supplier Staff on a need-to-know basis to allow the Supplier to meet its obligations under the Contract. The Supplier Staff must enter into a direct confidentiality agreement with the Buyer at its request.
- 19.4 The Buyer may disclose Confidential Information in any of the following cases:
  - 19.4.1 on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Buyer;

- 19.4.2 on a confidential basis to any other Central Government Body, any successor body to a Central Government Body or any company that the Buyer transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business to;
  - 19.4.3 if the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate to carry out its public functions;
  - 19.4.4 where requested by Parliament; and
  - 19.4.5 under Clauses 4.6 and 20.
- 19.5 For the purposes of Clauses 19.2 to 19.4 references to disclosure on a confidential basis means disclosure under a confidentiality agreement or arrangement including terms as strict as those required in Clause 19.
- 19.6 Transparency Information and any Information which is exempt from disclosure by Clause 20 is not Confidential Information.
- 19.7 The Supplier must not make any press announcement or publicise the Contracts or any part of them in any way, without the prior written consent of the Buyer and must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that Supplier Staff do not either.

## **20. When you can share information**

- 20.1 The Supplier must tell the Buyer within 48 hours if it receives a Request For Information.
- 20.2 In accordance with a reasonable timetable and in any event within 5 Working Days of a request from the Buyer, the Supplier must give the Buyer full co-operation and information needed so the Buyer can:
- 20.2.1 publish the Transparency Information;
  - 20.2.2 comply with any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request; and
  - 20.2.3 comply with any Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request.
- 20.3 To the extent that it is allowed and practical to do so, the Buyer will use reasonable endeavours to notify the Supplier of a FOIA request and may talk to the Supplier to help it decide whether to publish information under Clause 20.1. However, the extent, content and format of the disclosure is the Buyer's decision in its absolute discretion.

## **21. Invalid parts of the contract**

- 21.1 If any part of the Contract is prohibited by Law or judged by a court to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, it must be read as if it was removed from the Contract as much as required and rendered ineffective as far as possible without affecting the rest of the Contract, whether it's valid or enforceable.

- 21.2 If any removal under Clause 21.1 is so fundamental that it prevents the purpose of the Contract from being achieved or it materially changes the balance of risk and rewards between the Parties, either Party may give notice to the other Party requiring the Parties to commence good faith negotiations to rectify these issues and to amend the Contract accordingly so that, as amended, it is valid and enforceable, preserves the balance of risks and rewards in this Contract and, to the extent that it is reasonably possible, achieves the Parties' original commercial intention.
- 21.3 If the Parties cannot agree on what amendments are required within 5 Working Days, the matter will be dealt with via commercial negotiation as set out in Clause 39.2 and, if there is no resolution within 30 Working Days of the matter being referred, the Contract will terminate automatically and immediately with costs lying where they fall.

## **22. No other terms apply**

The provisions incorporated into the Contract are the entire agreement between the Parties. The Contract replaces all previous statements, or agreements whether written or oral. No other provisions apply.

## **23. Other people's rights in the Contract**

No third parties may use the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act (CRTPA) to enforce any term of the Contract unless stated (referring to CRTPA) in the Contract. This does not affect third party rights and remedies that exist independently from CRTPA.

## **24. Circumstances beyond your control**

- 24.1 Any Party affected by a Force Majeure Event is excused from performing its obligations under the Contract while the inability to perform continues, if it both:
- 24.1.1 provides a Force Majeure Notice to the other Party; and
  - 24.1.2 uses all reasonable measures practical to reduce the impact of the Force Majeure Event.
- 24.2 Any failure or delay by the Supplier to perform its obligations under this Contract that is due to a failure or delay by an agent, Subcontractor or supplier will only be considered a Force Majeure Event if that third party is itself prevented from complying with an obligation to the Supplier due to a Force Majeure Event.
- 24.3 Either party can partially or fully terminate the Contract if the provision of the Deliverables is materially affected by a Force Majeure Event which lasts for 90 days continuously.



## **25. Relationships created by the contract**

The Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship. The Supplier must represent themselves accordingly and ensure others do so.

## **26. Giving up contract rights**

A partial or full waiver or relaxation of the terms of the Contract is only valid if it is stated to be a waiver in writing to the other Party.

## **27. Transferring responsibilities**

- 27.1 The Supplier cannot assign, novate or in any other way dispose of the Contract or any part of it without the Buyer's written consent.
- 27.2 Subject to Schedule 27 (Key Subcontractors), the Supplier cannot sub-contract the Contract or any part of it without the Buyer's prior written consent. The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with information about the Subcontractor as it reasonably requests. The decision of the Buyer to consent or not will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If the Buyer does not communicate a decision to the Supplier within 10 Working Days of the request for consent then its consent will be deemed to have been given. The Buyer may reasonably withhold its consent to the appointment of a Subcontractor if it considers that:
  - 27.2.1 the appointment of a proposed Subcontractor may prejudice the provision of the Deliverables or may be contrary to its interests;
  - 27.2.2 the proposed Subcontractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reliable goods and or reasonable services to its other customers; and/or
  - 27.2.3 the proposed Subcontractor employs unfit persons
- 27.3 The Buyer can assign, novate or transfer its Contract or any part of it to any Crown Body, public or private sector body which performs the functions of the Buyer.
- 27.4 When the Buyer uses its rights under Clause 27.3 the Supplier must enter into a novation agreement in the form that the Buyer specifies.
- 27.5 The Supplier can terminate the Contract novated under Clause 27.3 to a private sector body that is experiencing an Insolvency Event.
- 27.6 The Supplier remains responsible for all acts and omissions of the Supplier Staff as if they were its own.

- 27.7 If at any time the Buyer asks the Supplier for details about Subcontractors, the Supplier must provide details of Subcontractors at all levels of the supply chain including:
- 27.7.1 their name;
  - 27.7.2 the scope of their appointment;
  - 27.7.3 the duration of their appointment; and
  - 27.7.4 a copy of the Sub-Contract.

## **28. Changing the contract**

- 28.1 Either Party can request a Variation to the Contract which is only effective if agreed in writing, including where it is set out in the Variation Form, and signed by both Parties.
- 28.2 The Supplier must provide an Impact Assessment either:
- 28.2.1 with the Variation Form, where the Supplier requests the Variation; and
  - 28.2.2 within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by the Buyer.
- 28.3 If the Variation to the Contract cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, the Buyer can either:
- 28.3.1 agree that the Contract continues without the Variation; and
  - 28.3.2 refer the Dispute to be resolved using Clause 39 (Resolving Disputes).
- 28.4 The Buyer is not required to accept a Variation request made by the Supplier.
- 28.5 The Supplier may only reject a Variation requested by the Buyer if the Supplier:
- 28.5.1 reasonably believes that the Variation would materially and adversely affect the risks to the health and safety of any person or that it would result in the Deliverables being provided in a way that infringes any Law; or
  - 28.5.2 demonstrates to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the Variation is technically impossible to implement and that neither the Tender nor the Specification state that the Supplier has the required technical capacity or flexibility to implement the Variation.
- 28.6 If there is a General Change in Law, the Supplier must bear the risk of the change and is not entitled to ask for an increase to the Charges.
- 28.7 If there is a Specific Change in Law or one is likely to happen during the Contract Period the Supplier must give the Buyer notice of the likely effects of the changes as soon as reasonably practical. They must also say if they think any

Variation is needed either to the Deliverables, the Charges or the Contract and provide evidence:

28.7.1 that the Supplier has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs; and

28.7.2 of how it has affected the Supplier's costs.

28.8 Any change in the Charges or relief from the Supplier's obligations because of a Specific Change in Law must be implemented using Clauses 28.1 to 28.4.

## **29. How to communicate about the contract**

29.1 All notices under the Contract must be in writing and are considered effective on the Working Day of delivery as long as they're delivered before 5:00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise the notice is effective on the next Working Day. An email is effective at 9am on the first Working Day after sending unless an error message is received.

29.2 Notices to the Buyer must be sent to the Buyer Authorised Representative's address or email address in the Award Form.

29.3 This Clause does not apply to the service of legal proceedings or any documents in any legal action, arbitration or dispute resolution.

## **30. Dealing with claims**

30.1 If a Beneficiary is notified of a Claim then it must notify the Indemnifier as soon as reasonably practical and no later than 10 Working Days.

30.2 At the Indemnifier's cost the Beneficiary must both:

30.2.1 allow the Indemnifier to conduct all negotiations and proceedings to do with a Claim; and

30.2.2 give the Indemnifier reasonable assistance with the claim if requested.

30.3 The Beneficiary must not make admissions about the Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnifier which cannot be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

30.4 The Indemnifier must consider and defend the Claim diligently using competent legal advisors and in a way that doesn't damage the Beneficiary's reputation.

30.5 The Indemnifier must not settle or compromise any Claim without the Beneficiary's prior written consent which it must not unreasonably withhold or delay.

30.6 Each Beneficiary must use all reasonable endeavours to minimise and mitigate any losses that it suffers because of the Claim.

- 30.7 If the Indemnifier pays the Beneficiary money under an indemnity and the Beneficiary later recovers money which is directly related to the Claim, the Beneficiary must immediately repay the Indemnifier the lesser of either:
  - 30.7.1 the sum recovered minus any legitimate amount spent by the Beneficiary when recovering this money; and
  - 30.7.2 the amount the Indemnifier paid the Beneficiary for the Claim.

## **31. Preventing fraud, bribery and corruption**

- 31.1 The Supplier must not during the Contract Period:
  - 31.1.1 commit a Prohibited Act or any other criminal offence in the Regulations 57(1) and 57(2);
  - 31.1.2 do or allow anything which would cause the Buyer, including any of their employees, consultants, contractors, Subcontractors or agents to breach any of the Relevant Requirements or incur any liability under them.
- 31.2 The Supplier must during the Contract Period:
  - 31.2.1 create, maintain and enforce adequate policies and procedures to ensure it complies with the Relevant Requirements to prevent a Prohibited Act and require its Subcontractors to do the same;
  - 31.2.2 keep full records to show it has complied with its obligations under this Clause 31 and give copies to the Buyer on request; and
  - 31.2.3 if required by the Buyer, within 20 Working Days of the Start Date of the Contract, and then annually, certify in writing to the Buyer, that they have complied with this Clause 31, including compliance of Supplier Staff, and provide reasonable supporting evidence of this on request, including its policies and procedures.
- 31.3 The Supplier must immediately notify the Buyer if it becomes aware of any breach of Clauses 31.1 or has any reason to think that it, or any of the Supplier Staff, have either:
  - 31.3.1 been investigated or prosecuted for an alleged Prohibited Act;
  - 31.3.2 been debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or are otherwise ineligible to take part in procurement programmes or contracts because of a Prohibited Act by any government department or agency;
  - 31.3.3 received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind related to the Contract; and
  - 31.3.4 suspected that any person or Party directly or indirectly related to the Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

- 31.4 If the Supplier notifies the Buyer as required by Clause 31.3, the Supplier must respond promptly to their further enquiries, co-operate with any investigation and allow the Audit of any books, records and relevant documentation.
- 31.5 If the Supplier is in Default under Clause 31.1 the Buyer may:
  - 31.5.1 require the Supplier to remove any Supplier Staff from providing the Deliverables if their acts or omissions have caused the Default; and
  - 31.5.2 immediately terminate this agreement.
- 31.6 In any notice the Supplier gives under Clause 31.4 it must specify the:
  - 31.6.1 Prohibited Act;
  - 31.6.2 identity of the Party who it thinks has committed the Prohibited Act; and
  - 31.6.3 action it has decided to take.

## **32. Equality, diversity and human rights**

- 32.1 The Supplier must follow all applicable equality Law when they perform their obligations under the Contract, including:
  - 32.1.1 protections against discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender reassignment, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity, age or otherwise; and
  - 32.1.2 any other requirements and instructions which the Buyer reasonably imposes related to equality Law.
- 32.2 The Supplier must use all reasonable endeavours, and inform the Buyer of the steps taken, to prevent anything that is considered to be unlawful discrimination by any court or tribunal, or the Equality and Human Rights Commission (or any successor organisation) when working on the Contract.

## **33. Health and safety**

- 33.1 The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of:
  - 33.1.1 all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
  - 33.1.2 the Buyer's current health and safety policy while at the Buyer's Premises, as provided to the Supplier.
- 33.2 The Supplier must as soon as possible notify the other of any health and safety incidents or material hazards they're aware of at the Buyer Premises that relate to the performance of the Contract.

## 34. Environment

- 34.1 When working on Site the Supplier must perform its obligations under the Buyer's current Environmental Policy, which the Buyer must provide.
- 34.2 The Supplier must ensure that Supplier Staff are aware of the Buyer's Environmental Policy.

## 35. Tax

- 35.1 The Supplier must not breach any tax or social security obligations and must enter into a binding agreement to pay any late contributions due, including where applicable, any interest or any fines. The Buyer cannot terminate the Contract where the Supplier has not paid a minor tax or social security contribution.
- 35.2 Where the Charges payable under the Contract are or are likely to exceed £5 million at any point during the relevant Contract Period, and an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier must notify the Buyer of it within 5 Working Days including:
  - 35.2.1 the steps that the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
  - 35.2.2 other information relating to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance that the Buyer may reasonably need.
- 35.3 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Staff are liable to be taxed or to pay National Insurance contributions in the UK relating to payment received under the Contract, the Supplier must both:
  - 35.3.1 comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (including IR35) and National Insurance contributions; and
  - 35.3.2 indemnify the Buyer against any Income Tax, National Insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made during or after the Contract Period in connection with the provision of the Deliverables by the Supplier or any of the Supplier Staff.
- 35.4 If any of the Supplier Staff are Workers who receive payment relating to the Deliverables, then the Supplier must ensure that its contract with the Worker contains the following requirements:
  - 35.4.1 the Buyer may, at any time during the Contract Period, request that the Worker provides information which demonstrates they comply with

Clause 35.3.1, or why those requirements do not apply, the Buyer can specify the information the Worker must provide and the deadline for responding;

35.4.2 the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker fails to provide the information requested by the Buyer within the time specified by the Buyer;

35.4.3 the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker provides information which the Buyer considers isn't good enough to demonstrate how it complies with Clause 35.3.1 or confirms that the Worker is not complying with those requirements; and

35.4.4 the Buyer may supply any information they receive from the Worker to HMRC for revenue collection and management.

## **36. Conflict of interest**

36.1 The Supplier must take action to ensure that neither the Supplier nor the Supplier Staff are placed in the position of an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest.

36.2 The Supplier must promptly notify and provide details to the Buyer if an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

36.3 The Buyer will consider whether there are any appropriate measures that can be put in place to remedy an actual, perceived or potential Conflict of Interest. If, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, such measures do not or will not resolve an actual or potential Conflict of Interest, the Buyer may terminate its Contract immediately by giving notice in writing to the Supplier where there is or may be an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

## **37. Reporting a breach of the contract**

37.1 As soon as it is aware of it the Supplier and Supplier Staff must report to the Buyer any actual or suspected breach of:

37.1.1 Law;

37.1.2 Clause 16.1; and

37.1.3 Clauses 31 to 36.

37.2 The Supplier must not retaliate against any of the Supplier Staff who in good faith reports a breach listed in Clause 37.1 to the Buyer or a Prescribed Person.

## 38. Further Assurances

Each Party will, at the request and cost of the other Party, do all things which may be reasonably necessary to give effect to the meaning of this Contract.

## 39. Resolving disputes

- 39.1 If there is a Dispute, the senior representatives of the Parties who have authority to settle the Dispute will, within 28 days of a written request from the other Party, meet in good faith to resolve the Dispute by commercial negotiation.
- 39.2 If the Parties cannot resolve the Dispute via commercial negotiation, they can attempt to settle it by mediation using the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Model Mediation Procedure current at the time of the Dispute. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator, the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. If either Party does not wish to use, or continue to use mediation, or mediation does not resolve the Dispute, the Dispute must be resolved using Clauses 39.4 to 39.6.
- 39.3 Unless the Buyer refers the Dispute to arbitration using Clause 39.5, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales have the exclusive jurisdiction to:
  - 39.3.1 determine the Dispute;
  - 39.3.2 grant interim remedies; and
  - 39.3.3 grant any other provisional or protective relief.
- 39.4 The Supplier agrees that the Buyer has the exclusive right to refer any Dispute to be finally resolved by arbitration under the London Court of International Arbitration Rules current at the time of the Dispute. There will be only one arbitrator. The seat or legal place of the arbitration will be London and the proceedings will be in English.
- 39.5 The Buyer has the right to refer a Dispute to arbitration even if the Supplier has started or has attempted to start court proceedings under Clause 39.4, unless the Buyer has agreed to the court proceedings or participated in them. Even if court proceedings have started, the Parties must do everything necessary to ensure that the court proceedings are stayed in favour of any arbitration proceedings if they are started under Clause 39.5.
- 39.6 The Supplier cannot suspend the performance of the Contract during any Dispute.



## **40. Which law applies**

This Contract and any issues or Disputes arising out of, or connected to it, are governed by English law.

## Schedule 36 (Intellectual Property Rights)

### 1. Intellectual Property Rights

1.1. Each Party keeps ownership of its own Existing IPR. Neither Party has the right to use the other Party's IPR, including any use of the other Party's names, logos or trademarks, except as expressly granted elsewhere under the Contract or otherwise agreed in writing.

1.2. Except as expressly granted elsewhere under the Contract, neither Party acquires any right, title or interest in or to the IPR owned by the other Party or any third party.

#### 1.3. **Licences granted by the Supplier: Supplier Existing IPR**

1.3.1. Where the Buyer orders Deliverables which contain or rely upon Supplier Existing IPR, the Supplier hereby grants the Buyer a Supplier Existing IPR Licence on the terms set out in Paragraph 1.3.2.

1.3.2. The Supplier Existing IPR Licence granted by the Supplier to the Buyer is a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable, worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license any Supplier Existing IPR which is reasonably required by the Buyer to enable it:

1.3.2.1. or any End User to use and receive the Deliverables; or

1.3.2.2. to use, sub-licence or commercially exploit (including by publication under Open Licence) the New IPR and New IPR Items,

for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Buyer's (or, if the Buyer is a Public Sector Body, any other Public Sector Body's) business or function.

#### 1.4. **Licences granted by the Buyer and New IPR**

1.4.1. Any New IPR created under the Contract is owned by the Supplier. The Buyer gives the Supplier a licence to use any Buyer Existing IPR for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations during the Contract Period.

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- 1.4.2. Where a Party acquires ownership of IPR incorrectly under this Contract it must do everything reasonably necessary to complete a transfer assigning them in writing to the other Party on request and at its own cost.
- 1.4.3. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Supplier and the Buyer will record any New IPR in the table at Annex 1 to this Schedule 36 and keep this updated throughout the Contract Period.
- 1.4.4. The Supplier hereby grants the Buyer a licence to the New IPR on the terms set out in Paragraph 1.4.5.
- 1.4.5. The licence granted by the Supplier to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 1.4.4 is a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable, worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license any New IPR which is reasonably required by the Buyer to enable it or any End User to use and receive the Deliverables or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Buyer's (or, if the Buyer is a Public Sector Body, any other Public Sector Body's) business or function.

### **1.5. Third Party IPR**

- 1.5.1. The Supplier shall not use in the delivery of the Deliverables any Third Party IPR unless Approval is granted by the Buyer and it has procured that the owner or an authorised licensor of the relevant Third Party IPR has granted a Third Party IPR Licence on the terms set out in Paragraph 1.5.2. If the Supplier cannot obtain for the Buyer a licence on the terms set out in Paragraph 1.5.2 in respect of any Third Party IPR the Supplier shall:
  - 1.5.1.1. notify the Buyer in writing; and
  - 1.5.1.2. use the relevant Third Party IPR only if the Buyer has provided authorisation in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific IPR involved.
- 1.5.2. In spite of any other provisions of the Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of this Contract by the Buyer and the ordering of any Deliverable under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or Sections 240 – 243 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

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- 1.5.3. The Third Party IPR Licence granted to the Buyer shall be a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable, worldwide licence to use, change and sub-licence any Third Party IPR which is reasonably required by the Buyer to enable it or any End User to receive and use the Deliverables and make use of the deliverables provided by a Replacement Supplier.

### **1.6. Termination of licences**

- 1.6.1. The Supplier Existing IPR Licence granted pursuant to Paragraph 1.3 and the Third Party IPR Licence granted pursuant to Paragraph 1.5 shall survive the Expiry Date and termination of this Contract.
- 1.6.2. The Supplier shall, if requested by the Buyer in accordance with Schedule 30 (Exit Management) and to the extent reasonably necessary to ensure continuity of service during exit and transition to any Replacement Supplier, grant (or procure the grant) to the Replacement Supplier a licence to use any Supplier Existing IPR or Third Party IPR on terms equivalent to the Supplier Existing IPR Licence or Third Party IPR Licence (as applicable) subject to the Replacement Supplier entering into reasonable confidentiality undertakings with the Supplier.
- 1.6.3. Any licence granted to the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.4 (Licence granted by the Buyer) shall terminate automatically on the Expiry Date and the Supplier shall:
  - 1.6.3.1. immediately cease all use of the Buyer Existing IPR (including the Buyer Data within which the Buyer Existing IPR may subsist);
  - 1.6.3.2. at the discretion of the Buyer, return or destroy documents and other tangible materials that contain any of the Buyer Existing IPR and the Buyer Data, provided that if the Buyer has not made an election within six months of the termination of the licence, the Supplier may destroy the documents and other tangible materials that contain any of the Buyer Existing IPR and the Buyer Data (as the case may be); and
  - 1.6.3.3. ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that any Buyer Existing IPR and Buyer Data that are held in electronic, digital or other machine-readable form ceases to be readily accessible from any computer, word processor, voicemail system or any other device of the Supplier containing such Buyer Existing IPR or Buyer Data.

## **1.7. Supplier's Exploitation of New IPR**

1.7.1. Notwithstanding the Supplier's ownership of the New IPR or licence which allows it to exploit and commercialise the New IPR:

1.7.1.1. the Supplier must always offer a price and solution to the Buyer which is in accordance with the Charges and must licence the New IPR and Supplier Existing IPR to the Buyer on equivalent terms as apply under this Contract;

1.7.1.2. where the Supplier proposes to exploit the New IPR, that it provides a detailed proposal of its plans for exploitation of the New IPR and the forecast returns, including (but not limited to) details of the goods and services to be offered by the Supplier which use the New IPR, the target markets and territory, the estimated level of orders, the marketing strategy; full details of the estimated costs, prices, revenues and profits; impact assessment on services delivered under the Contract; and any other information that would reasonably be required by the Buyer to enable it to consider the commercial, legal and financial implications to the Parties of the proposal and any further information which the Buyer may reasonably request; and

1.7.1.3. where the Supplier proposes to discount the prices offered to the Buyer in return for the right to exploit the New IPR, that it provides clear evidence to demonstrate how the exploitation plans and financial information provided under Paragraph 1.7.1.2 above have been applied to the price for the Deliverables offered to the Buyer and other potential End Users;

1.7.1.4. The Buyer shall be under no obligation to:

(a) offer the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer) or the Buyer Existing IPR on an exclusive licence basis or on any other alternative terms of licensing and ownership; or

(b) accept any alternative arrangement proposed by the Supplier under this Clause and the Buyer shall be entitled to require the Supplier to deliver the solution on the basis of the same position on ownership and licensing of the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer) or Buyer Existing IPR applies as applies under this Contract.

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- 1.7.1.5. Such agreement does not confer any exclusive right on the Supplier to negotiate with the Buyer in relation to the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer), Buyer Existing IPR or any Crown IPR and the Buyer shall be entitled to licence, assign and otherwise deal with such IPR (where it owns such IPR) with any other person (except to the extent that the Buyer has entered into an exclusive licence with the Supplier in respect of such IPR pursuant to this Contract).
- 1.7.1.6. The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer is under an obligation to comply with procurement Laws and state aid rules when considering proposals for alternative IPR arrangements and the Buyer will need to consider its position and approach on a case by case basis.
- 1.7.2. If within three years of its creation, any Intellectual Property in the New IPR has not been commercially exploited by the Supplier, and the Supplier is not using its best endeavours to do so, the Supplier shall on written request by the Buyer promptly assign the Intellectual Property Rights in the New IPR to the Buyer. Each party shall bear its own costs in such assignment.

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**ANNEX 1: NEW IPR**

Name of New IPR	Details
N/A	N/A

## Schedule 1 (Definitions)

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 In the Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this 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 the 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 Crown 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; and
  - 1.3.10 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the clause numbers specified.



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- 1.3.11 the headings in the Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract; and
- 1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Crown Body it shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole.
- 1.3.13 Any reference in this Contract which immediately before IP Completion Day (or such later date when relevant EU law ceases to have effect pursuant to Section 1A of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) is a reference to (as it has effect from time to time):
- (i) 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 and which shall be read on and after IP Completion 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
  - (ii) any EU institution or EU authority or other such EU body shall be read on and after IP Completion Day as a reference to the UK institution, authority or body to which its functions were transferred.

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

<b>"Achieve"</b>	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 " <b>Achieved</b> ", " <b>Achieving</b> " and " <b>Achievement</b> " shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Additional FDE Group Member"</b>	means any entity (if any) specified as an Additional FDE Group Member in Part A of Annex 3 of Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties);
<b>"Affected Party"</b>	the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
<b>"Affiliates"</b>	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;
<b>"Allowable Assumptions"</b>	means the assumptions (if any) set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 3 (Charges);
<b>"Annex"</b>	extra information which supports a Schedule;

<b>"Approval"</b>	the prior written consent of the Buyer and <b>"Approve"</b> and <b>"Approved"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Associates"</b>	means, in relation to an entity, an undertaking in which the entity owns, directly or indirectly, between 20% and 50% of the voting rights and exercises a degree of control sufficient for the undertaking to be treated as an associate under generally accepted accounting principles;
<b>"Audit"</b>	<p>the Buyer's right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) verify the integrity and content of any Financial Report;</li> <li>(b) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by the Buyer under a Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract);</li> <li>(c) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services;</li> <li>(d) verify the Open Book Data;</li> <li>(e) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law;</li> <li>(f) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 3 to 37 and/or Schedule 26 (Sustainability), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Buyer shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;</li> <li>(g) 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> <li>(h) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Buyer's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;</li> <li>(i) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with the Contract;</li> <li>(j) carry out the Buyer's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Buyer's annual and interim reports and accounts;</li> <li>(k) 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 Buyer has used its resources;</li> </ul>

<b>"Auditor"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Buyer's internal and external auditors;</li> <li>(b) the Buyer's statutory or regulatory auditors;</li> <li>(c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;</li> <li>(d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office;</li> <li>(e) any party formally appointed by the Buyer to carry out audit or similar review functions; and</li> <li>(f) successors or assigns of any of the above;</li> </ul>
<b>"Award Form"</b>	the document outlining the Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and the Buyer;
<b>"Beneficiary"</b>	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
<b>"Buyer"</b>	the public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;
<b>"Buyer Assets"</b>	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;
<b>"Buyer Authorised Representative"</b>	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Contract initially identified in the Award Form;
<b>"Buyer Cause"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Buyer Data"</b>	<p>means 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 Buyer's or End User's Confidential Information, and which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer, or End User; or</li> <li>(b) the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or</li> <li>(c) any Personal Data for which the Buyer or End User is the Controller;</li> </ul>
<b>"Buyer Existing IPR"</b>	means any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to the Buyer, and where the Buyer is a Central Government Body, any Crown

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	IPR, and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise)
<b>"Buyer Premises"</b>	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);
<b>"Buyer Third Party"</b>	means any supplier to the Buyer (other than the Supplier), which is notified to the Supplier from time to time;
<b>"Buyer's Confidential Information"</b>	<p>(a) 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 Buyer (including all Buyer Existing IPR and New IPR);</p> <p>(b) 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 Buyer's attention or into the Buyer's possession in connection with the Contract; and</p> <p>information derived from any of the above;</p>
<b>"Central Government Body"</b>	<p>a body listed in one of the following sub-categories 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:</p> <p>(a) Government Department;</p> <p>(b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);</p> <p>(c) Non-Ministerial Department; or</p> <p>(d) Executive Agency;</p>
<b>"Change in Law"</b>	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;
<b>"Change of Control"</b>	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
<b>"Charges"</b>	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Contract, as set out in the Award Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract less any Deductions;
<b>"Claim"</b>	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;

<b>"Commercially Sensitive Information"</b>	the Confidential Information listed in the Award 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 Buyer that, if disclosed by the Buyer, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
<b>"Comparable Supply"</b>	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
<b>"Compliance Officer"</b>	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;
<b>"Confidential Information"</b>	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of 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 <b>"confidential"</b> ) or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
<b>"Conflict of Interest"</b>	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to the Buyer under the Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer;
<b>"Contract"</b>	the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier, which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Award Form;
<b>"Contract Period"</b>	the term of the Contract from the earlier of the: (a) Start Date; or (b) the Effective Date (c) until the End Date;
<b>"Contract Value"</b>	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under the Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
<b>"Contract Year"</b>	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
<b>"Control"</b>	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and <b>"Controlled"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Controller"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Core Terms"</b>	the Buyer's terms and conditions which apply to and comprise one part of the Contract set out in the document called "Core Terms";

<b>"Costs"</b>	<p>the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Work Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff;</li> <li>(ii) employer's National Insurance contributions;</li> <li>(iii) pension contributions;</li> <li>(iv) car allowances;</li> <li>(v) any other contractual employment benefits;</li> <li>(vi) staff training;</li> <li>(vii) work place accommodation;</li> <li>(viii) work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and</li> <li>(ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) 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;</li> <li>(c) 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</li> <li>(d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Award Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables;</li> </ul> <p>but excluding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(e) Overhead;</li> <li>(f) financing or similar costs;</li> <li>(g) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;</li> </ul>
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	<p>(h) taxation;</p> <p>(i) fines and penalties;</p> <p>(j) amounts payable under Schedule 12 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and</p> <p>(k) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);</p>
<b>"Critical Service Level Failure"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Crown Body"</b>	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 particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
<b>"Crown IPR"</b>	means any IPR which is owned by or licensed to the Crown, and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);
<b>"CRTPA"</b>	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
<b>"Data Protection Impact Assessment"</b>	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data;
<b>"Data Protection Legislation"</b>	(i) the UK GDPR, (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; and (iv) (to the extent that it applies) the EU GDPR;
<b>"Data Protection Liability Cap"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Data Protection Officer"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Data Subject"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Data Subject Access Request"</b>	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;

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<b>"Deductions"</b>	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under the Contract;
<b>"Default"</b>	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of the 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 the Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Buyer;
<b>"Delay Payments"</b>	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;
<b>"Deliverables"</b>	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
<b>"Delivery"</b>	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of the Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by the either (a) confirmation in writing to the Supplier; or (b) where Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing) is used issue by the Buyer of a Satisfaction Certificate. <b>"Deliver"</b> and <b>"Delivered"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Dependent Parent Undertaking"</b>	means any Parent Undertaking which provides any of its Subsidiary Undertakings and/or Associates, whether directly or indirectly, with any financial, trading, managerial or other assistance of whatever nature, without which the Supplier would be unable to continue the day to day conduct and operation of its business in the same manner as carried on at the time of entering into this Contract, including for the avoidance of doubt the provision of the Services in accordance with the terms of this Contract;
<b>"Disaster"</b>	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Deliverables, or a material part thereof will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable) for the period specified in the Award Form (for the purposes of this definition the <b>"Disaster Period"</b> );
<b>"Disclosing Party"</b>	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 19 (What you must keep confidential);
<b>"Dispute"</b>	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;
<b>"Dispute Resolution Procedure"</b>	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 39 (Resolving disputes);
<b>"Documentation"</b>	<p>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 the Contract as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>(b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or</li> <li>(c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;</li> </ul>
<b>"DOTAS"</b>	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;
<b>"DPA 2018"</b>	The Data Protection Act 2018
<b>"Due Diligence Information"</b>	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer prior to the Start Date;
<b>"Effective Date"</b>	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;
<b>"EIR"</b>	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
<b>"Employment Regulations"</b>	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced;
<b>"End Date"</b>	<p>the earlier of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Expiry Date as extended by the Buyer under Clause 14.2; or</li> <li>(b) if the Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;</li> </ul>

<b>"End User"</b>	means a party that is accessing the Deliverables provided pursuant to this Contract (including the Buyer where it is accessing services on its own account as a user);
<b>"Environmental Policy"</b>	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;
<b>"Equality and Human Rights Commission"</b>	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
<b>"Escalation Meeting"</b>	means a meeting between the Supplier Authorised Representative and the Buyer Authorised Representative to address issues that have arisen during the Rectification Plan Process;
<b>"Estimated Year 1 Charges"</b>	the anticipated total Charges payable by the Buyer in the first Contract Year specified in the Award Form;
<b>"Estimated Yearly Charges"</b>	means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under Clause 15.1:  (a) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or (b) in any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Contract Year; or (c) after the end of the Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Contract Period;
<b>"EU"</b>	European Union
<b>"EU GDPR"</b>	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) as it has effect in EU law;
<b>"Existing IPR"</b>	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);
<b>"Exit Plan"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 30 (Exit Plan);
<b>"Expiry Date"</b>	the date of the end of the Contract as stated in the Award Form;
<b>"Extension Period"</b>	such period or periods beyond which the Initial Period may be extended, specified in the Award Form;

<b>"FDE Group"</b>	the Supplier and any Additional FDE Group Member;
<b>"Financial Distress Event"</b>	<p>The occurrence of one or more the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the credit rating of any FDE Group entity drops below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold of the relevant Rating Agency;</li> <li>(b) any FDE Group entity issues a profits warning to a stock exchange or makes any other public announcement, in each case about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;</li> <li>(c) there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of any FDE Group entity;</li> <li>(d) any FDE Group entity commits a material breach of covenant to its lenders;</li> <li>(e) a Key Subcontractor notifies the Buyer that the Supplier has not paid any material sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute;</li> <li>(f) any FDE Group entity extends the filing period for filing its accounts with the Registrar of Companies so that the filing period ends more than 9 months after its accounting reference date without an explanation to the Buyer which the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers to be adequate;</li> <li>(g) any FDE Group entity is late to file its annual accounts without a public notification or an explanation to the Buyer which the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers to be adequate;</li> <li>(h) the directors and/or external auditors of any FDE Group entity conclude that a material uncertainty exists in relation to that FDE Group entity's going concern in the annual report including in a reasonable but plausible downside scenario. This includes, but is not limited to, commentary about liquidity and trading prospects in the reports from directors or external auditors;</li> <li>(i) any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any FDE Group entity makes a public announcement which contains commentary with regards to that FDE Group entity's liquidity and trading and trading prospects, such as but not limited to, a profit warning or ability to trade as a going concern;</li> <li>(ii) commencement of any litigation against any FDE Group entity with respect to financial indebtedness greater than £5m or obligations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>under a service contract with a total contract value greater than £5m;</p> <p>(iii) non-payment by any FDE Group entity of any financial indebtedness;</p> <p>(iv) any financial indebtedness of any FDE Group entity becoming due as a result of an event of default;</p> <p>(v) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of any FDE Group entity; or</p> <p>(vi) an external auditor of any FDE Group entity expressing a qualified opinion on, or including an emphasis of matter in, its opinion on the statutory accounts of that FDE Group entity, in each case which the Buyer reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued provision of the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract; or</p> <p>(j) any one of the Financial Indicators set out in Part C of Annex 2 of Schedule 24 for any of the FDE Group entities failing to meet the required Financial Target Threshold.</p>
<b>"Financial Report"</b>	<p>a report provided by the Supplier to the Buyer that:</p> <p>(a) to the extent permitted by Law, provides a true and fair reflection of the Costs and Supplier Profit Margin forecast by the Supplier;</p> <p>(b) to the extent permitted by Law, provides detail a true and fair reflection of the costs and expenses to be incurred by Key Subcontractors (as requested by the Buyer);</p> <p>(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 this Contract; and</p> <p>(d) is certified by the Supplier's Chief Financial Officer or Director of Finance;</p>
<b>"Financial Transparency Objectives"</b>	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) the Buyer having a clear analysis of the Costs, Overhead recoveries (where relevant), time spent by Supplier Staff in providing the Services and the Supplier Profit Margin so that it can understand any payment sought by the Supplier;</p> <p>(b) the Parties being able to understand Cost forecasts and to have confidence that these are based on justifiable numbers and appropriate forecasting techniques;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 re-forecast 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 tax payer relative to current market prices;</li> </ul>
<b>"FOIA"</b>	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 such legislation;
<b>"Force Majeure Event"</b>	<p>any event, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Buyer or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 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;</li> <li>(b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare;</li> <li>(c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies;</li> <li>(d) fire, flood or any disaster; or</li> <li>(e) an industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party is not reasonably available but excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(x) any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff (including any subsets of them) or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain;</li> <li>(xi) any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against it by the Party concerned; and</li> <li>(xii) any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>and which is not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party;</p>

<b>"Force Majeure Notice"</b>	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;
<b>"General Anti-Abuse Rule"</b>	(a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 and; and (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
<b>"General Change in Law"</b>	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;
<b>"Goods"</b>	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in Schedule 2 (Specification) and in relation to a Contract as specified in the Award Form;
<b>"Good Industry Practice"</b>	standards, practices, 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;
<b>"Government"</b>	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;
<b>"Government Data"</b>	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 Buyer's Confidential Information, and which: (a) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer; or (b) the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to the Contract;
<b>"Government Procurement Card"</b>	the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card--2">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card--2</a> ;
<b>"Guarantor"</b>	the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Schedule 23 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;

<b>"Halifax Abuse Principle"</b>	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
<b>"HMRC"</b>	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
<b>"ICT Policy"</b>	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Award Form, which is in force as at the Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
<b>"Impact Assessment"</b>	<p>an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Buyer completed in good faith, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation;</li> <li>(c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party;</li> <li>(d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and</li> <li>(e) such other information as the Buyer may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;</li> </ul>
<b>"Implementation Plan"</b>	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
<b>"Incorporated Terms"</b>	the contractual terms applicable to the Contract specified in the Award Form;
<b>"Indemnifier"</b>	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
<b>"Independent Controller"</b>	a party which is Controller of the same Personal Data as the other Party and there is no element of joint control with regards to that Personal Data;
<b>"Indexation"</b>	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with the Award Form;
<b>"Information"</b>	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;

<b>"Information Commissioner"</b>	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;
<b>"Initial Period"</b>	the initial term of the Contract specified in the Award Form;
<b>"Insolvency Event"</b>	<p>with respect to any person, means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) (being a company or an LLP) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or</li> <li>(ii) (being a partnership) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 222 of the Insolvency Act 1986;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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, an 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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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 fourteen (14) days;</li> <li>(e) that person suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, carrying on all or a substantial part of its business;</li> <li>(f) where that person is a company, an LLP or a partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a petition is presented (which is not dismissed within fourteen (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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(iii) (being a company or an 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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(a) 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;</p>
<b>"Installation Works"</b>	all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Contract;
<b>"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"</b>	<p>(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;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;</p>
<b>"Invoicing Address"</b>	the address to which the Supplier shall Invoice the Buyer as specified in the Award Form;
<b>"IP Completion Day"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020;
<b>"IPR Claim"</b>	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR,

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	used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Buyer in the fulfilment of its obligations under the 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 Buyer and the Supplier substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 20 (Processing Data);
"Joint Control"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
"Key Staff"	the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill key roles in connection with the Services as listed in Annex 1 of Schedule 29 (Key Supplier Staff);
"Key Sub-Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key Subcontractor"	any Subcontractor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or</li> <li>(b) which, in the opinion of 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> <li>(c) with a Sub-Contract with the 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 Contract,</li> </ul> and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors in section 29 of the Award 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 Start Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, right within the meaning of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as amended by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020,

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	regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body with which the Supplier is bound to comply;
<b>"Law Enforcement Processing"</b>	processing under Part 3 of the DPA 2018;
<b>"Losses"</b>	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and <b>"Loss"</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>"Marketing Contact"</b>	shall be the person identified in the Award Form;
<b>"Milestone"</b>	an event or task described in the Implementation Plan;
<b>"Milestone Date"</b>	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;
<b>"Month"</b>	a calendar month and <b>"Monthly"</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>"National Insurance"</b>	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);
<b>"New IPR"</b>	<p>(a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of the Contract and updates and amendments of these items including database schema; and/or</p> <p>(b) IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract and all updates and amendments to the same;</p> <p>but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, any New IPR should be recorded in Schedule 36 and updated regularly;</p>
<b>"New IPR Item"</b>	means a deliverable, document, product or other item within which New IPR subsists;
<b>"Notifiable Default"</b>	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) the Supplier commits a material Default; and/or</p> <p>(b) the performance of the Supplier is likely to cause or causes a Critical Service Level Failure;</p>

<p><b>"Occasion of Tax Non – Compliance"</b></p>	<p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(xiii) 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;</li> <li>(xiv) 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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;</li> </ul>
<p><b>"Open Book Data"</b></p>	<p>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 Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(xv) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables;</li> <li>(xvi) manpower resources 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 manpower grade;</li> <li>(xvii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and</li> <li>(xviii) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Award Form;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) Overheads;</li> </ul>

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	<p>(d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables;</p> <p>(e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the Contract Period and on an annual basis;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;</p>
<b>"Open Licence"</b>	means any material that is published for use, with rights to access and modify, by any person for free, under a generally recognised open licence including Open Government Licence as set out at <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/">http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/</a> and the Open Standards Principles documented at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-standards-principles/open-standards-principles">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-standards-principles/open-standards-principles</a> ;
<b>"Open Licence Publication Material"</b>	means items created pursuant to the Contract which the Buyer may wish to publish as Open Licence which are supplied in a format suitable for publication under Open Licence;
<b>"Overhead"</b>	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";
<b>"Parent Undertaking"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
<b>"Parliament"</b>	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
<b>"Party"</b>	the Buyer or the Supplier and <b>"Parties"</b> shall mean both of them where the context permits;
<b>"Personal Data"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Personal Data Breach"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;

<b>"Prescribed Person"</b>	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--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies</a> ;
<b>"Processing"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Processor"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
<b>"Processor Personnel"</b>	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under the Contract;
<b>"Progress Meeting"</b>	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;
<b>"Progress Report"</b>	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
<b>"Prohibited Acts"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by the Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(xix) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or</li> <li>(xx) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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 the Contract; or</li> <li>(c) committing any offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(xxi) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or</li> <li>(xxii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or</li> <li>(xxiii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Buyer or other public body; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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;</li> </ul>

<b>"Protective Measures"</b>	<p>technical and organisational measures which must take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the nature of the data to be protected</li> <li>(b) harm that might result from Data Loss Event;</li> <li>(c) state of technological development</li> <li>(d) the cost of implementing any measures</li> </ul> <p>including pseudonymising 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;</p>
<b>"Public Sector Body "</b>	means a formally established organisation that is (at least in part) publicly funded to deliver a public or government service;
<b>"Recall"</b>	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 IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;
<b>"Recipient Party"</b>	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
<b>"Rectification Plan"</b>	<p>the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify its breach using the template in Schedule 25 (Rectification Plan) which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) full details of the Notifiable Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;</li> <li>(b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default; and</li> <li>(c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Notifiable Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Notifiable Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Notifiable Default (where applicable);</li> </ul>
<b>"Rectification Plan Process"</b>	the process set out in Clause 11;
<b>"Regulations"</b>	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
<b>"Reimbursable Expenses"</b>	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

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	<p>accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including:</p> <p>(a) 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 agrees in advance in writing; and</p> <p>(b) 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;</p>
<b>"Relevant Requirements"</b>	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;
<b>"Relevant Tax Authority"</b>	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
<b>"Reminder Notice"</b>	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 14.6.1 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
<b>"Replacement Deliverables"</b>	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
<b>"Replacement Supplier"</b>	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;
<b>"Request For Information"</b>	a request for information or an apparent request relating to the Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
<b>"Required Action"</b>	means the action the Buyer will take and what Deliverables it will control during the Step-In Process;
<b>"Required Insurances"</b>	the insurances required by Schedule 22 (Insurance Requirements);
<b>"Satisfaction Certificate"</b>	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in Annex 2 of Part B of Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing) or as agreed by the Parties where Schedule 8 is not used in this Contract) granted by the Buyer when the Supplier has Achieved a Milestone or a Test;



<b>"Schedules"</b>	any attachment to the Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
<b>"Security Management Plan"</b>	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Schedule 16 (Security) (if applicable);
<b>"Security Policy"</b>	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Award Form, in force as at the Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
<b>"Serious Fraud Office"</b>	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
<b>"Service Credits"</b>	any service credits specified in the Annex to Part A of Schedule 10 (Service Levels) being payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of any failure by the Supplier to meet one or more Service Levels;
<b>"Service Levels"</b>	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Contract (which, where Schedule 10 (Service Levels) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
<b>"Service Period"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Services"</b>	services made available by the Supplier as specified in Schedule 2 (Specification) and in relation to a Contract as specified in the Award Form;
<b>"Sites"</b>	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or</li> <li>(b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;</li> <li>(c) those premises at which any Supplier Equipment or any part of the Supplier System is located (where ICT Services are being provided)</li> </ul>
<b>"SME"</b>	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;
<b>"Social Value"</b>	the additional social benefits that can be achieved in the delivery of the Contract set out in Schedule 2 (Specification) and either (i) Schedule 10 (Service Levels) (where used) or (ii) Part C of

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	Schedule 26 (Sustainability) (where Schedule 10 (Service Levels) is not used)
<b>"Social Value KPIs"</b>	the Social Value priorities set out in Schedule 2 (Specification) and either (i) Schedule 10 (Service Levels) (where used) or (ii) Part C of Schedule 26 (Sustainability) (where Schedule 10 (Service Levels) is not used)
<b>"Social Value Report"</b>	the report the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Part C of Schedule 26 (Sustainability) where Schedule 10 (Service Levels) is not used
<b>"Special Terms"</b>	any additional terms and conditions set out in the Award Form incorporated into the Contract;
<b>"Special IPR Terms"</b>	any additional terms and conditions relating to IPR set out in the Award Form incorporated into the Contract;
<b>"Specific Change in Law"</b>	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;
<b>"Specification"</b>	the specification set out in Schedule 2 (Specification), as may, in relation to the Contract, be supplemented by the Award Form;
<b>"Standards"</b>	any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 2 (Specification);</li><li>(c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Award 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>
<b>"Start Date"</b>	the date specified on the Award Form;
<b>"Step-In Process"</b>	the process set out in Clause 13;

<b>"Step-In Trigger Event"</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Supplier's level of performance constituting a Critical Service Level Failure;</li> <li>(b) the Supplier committing a material Default which is irremediable;</li> <li>(c) where a right of termination is expressly reserved in this Contract;</li> <li>(d) an Insolvency Event occurring in respect of the Supplier or any Guarantor required under the Award Form;</li> <li>(e) a Default by the Supplier that is materially preventing or materially delaying the provision of the Deliverables or any material part of them;</li> <li>(f) the Buyer considers that the circumstances constitute an emergency despite the Supplier not being in breach of its obligations under this agreement;</li> <li>(g) the Buyer being advised by a regulatory body that the exercise by the Buyer of its rights under Clause 13 is necessary;</li> <li>(h) the existence of a serious risk to the health or safety of persons, property or the environment in connection with the Deliverables; and/or</li> <li>(i) a need by the Buyer to take action to discharge a statutory duty;</li> </ul>
<b>"Step-Out Plan"</b>	means the Supplier's plan that sets out how the Supplier will resume the provision of the Deliverables and perform all its obligations under the Contract following the completion of the Step-In Process;
<b>"Storage Media"</b>	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;
<b>"Sub-Contract"</b>	<p>any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than the Contract, pursuant to which a third party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>"Subcontractor"</b>	any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
<b>"Subprocessor"</b>	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Supplier related to the Contract;

<b>"Subsidiary Undertaking"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
<b>"Supplier"</b>	the person, firm or company identified in the Award Form;
<b>"Supplier Assets"</b>	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
<b>"Supplier Authorised Representative"</b>	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the Award Form, or later defined in a Contract;
<b>"Supplier Equipment"</b>	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 Contract;
<b>"Supplier Existing IPR"</b>	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to the Supplier and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise)
<b>"Supplier Existing IPR Licence"</b>	means a licence to be offered by the Supplier to the Supplier Existing IPR as set out in Para 1.3 of Schedule 36.
<b>"Supplier Group"</b>	means the Supplier, its Dependent Parent Undertakings and all Subsidiary Undertakings and Associates of such Dependent Parent Undertakings;
<b>"Supplier Non-Performance"</b>	where the Supplier has failed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;</li> <li>(b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels ; and/or</li> <li>(c) comply with an obligation under the Contract;</li> </ul>
<b>"Supplier Profit"</b>	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 the Contract for the relevant period;
<b>"Supplier Profit Margin"</b>	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;
<b>"Supplier Staff"</b>	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 the Contract;

<b>"Supplier's Confidential Information"</b>	<p>(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;</p> <p>(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 the Contract;</p> <p>Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;</p>
<b>"Supplier's Contract Manager"</b>	the person identified in the Award Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the 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;
<b>"Supply Chain Information Report Template"</b>	the document at Annex 1 of Schedule 18 (Supply Chain Visibility);
<b>"Supporting Documentation"</b>	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 Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
<b>"Tender Response"</b>	the tender submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer and annexed to or referred to in Schedule 4 (Tender);
<b>"Termination Assistance"</b>	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;
<b>"Termination Assistance Notice"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 30 (Exit Management);
<b>"Termination Notice"</b>	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 the Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
<b>"Test Issue"</b>	any variance or non-conformity of the Deliverables or Deliverables from their requirements as set out in the Contract;
<b>"Test Plan"</b>	<p>a plan:</p> <p>(a) for the Testing of the Deliverables; and</p> <p>(b) setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement of Milestones;</p>

<b>"Tests and Testing"</b>	any tests required to be carried out pursuant to the Contract as set out in the Test Plan or elsewhere in the Contract and <b>"Tested"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Third Party IPR"</b>	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
<b>"Third Party IPR Licence"</b>	means a licence to the Third Party IPR as set out in Paragraph 1.6 of Schedule 36
<b>"Transparency Information"</b>	the Transparency Reports and the content of the Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for –  (a) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Buyer; and  (b) Commercially Sensitive Information;
<b>"Transparency Reports"</b>	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance pursuant to the Contract which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Schedule 6 (Transparency Reports);
<b>"UK GDPR"</b>	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation), as it forms part of the law of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, together with the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
<b>"Variation"</b>	means a variation to the Contract;
<b>"Variation Form"</b>	the form set out in Schedule 21 (Variation Form);
<b>"Variation Procedure"</b>	the procedure set out in Clause 28 (Changing the contract);
<b>"VAT"</b>	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
<b>"VCSE"</b>	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;

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<b>"Verification Period"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the table in Annex 2 of Schedule 3 (Charges);
<b>"Work Day"</b>	7.5 Work Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
<b>"Work Hours"</b>	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;
<b>"Worker"</b>	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) ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees</a> ) applies in respect of the Deliverables; and
<b>"Working Day"</b>	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Award Form.

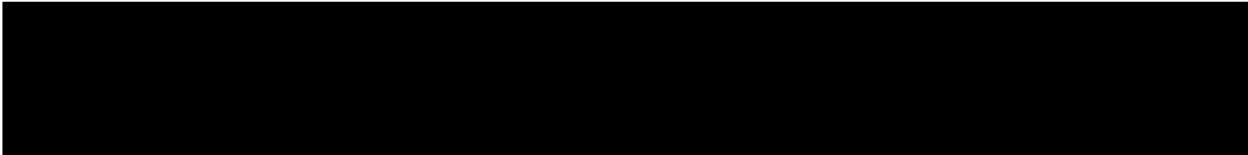
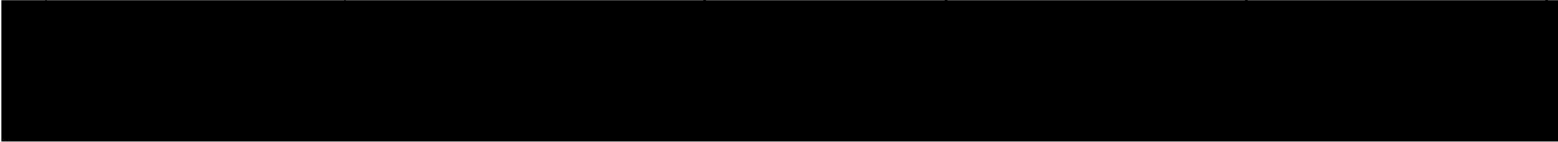
## **Schedule 6 (Transparency Reports)**

- 1.1 The Supplier recognises that the Buyer is subject to PPN 01/17 (Updates to transparency principles v1.1 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0117-update-to-transparency-principles>)). The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in order to assist the Buyer with its compliance with its obligations under that PPN.
- 1.2 Without prejudice to the Supplier's reporting requirements set out in the Contract, within three (3) Months of the Start Date the Supplier shall submit to the Buyer for Approval (such Approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) draft Transparency Reports consistent with the content requirements and format set out in the Annex of this Schedule.
- 1.3 If the Buyer rejects any proposed Transparency Report submitted by the Supplier, the Supplier shall submit a revised version of the relevant report for further Approval within five (5) days of receipt of any notice of rejection, taking account of any recommendations for revision and improvement to the report provided by the Buyer. If the Parties fail to agree on a draft Transparency Report the Buyer shall determine what should be included. Any other disagreement in connection with Transparency Reports shall be treated as a Dispute.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide accurate and up-to-date versions of each Transparency Report to the Buyer at the frequency referred to in the Annex of this Schedule.



Annex A: List of Transparency Reports

Title	Content	Format	Frequency	Time period of report
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## Schedule 20 (Processing Data)

### 1. Status of the Controller

- 1.1 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:
- 1.1.1 “Controller” in respect of the other Party who is “Processor”;
  - 1.1.2 “Processor” in respect of the other Party who is “Controller”;
  - 1.1.3 “Joint Controller” with the other Party;
  - 1.1.4 “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.

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

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller’s instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.
- 2.3 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:
- 2.3.1 a systematic description of the envisaged Processing and the purpose of the Processing;
  - 2.3.2 an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing in relation to the Services;
  - 2.3.3 an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
  - 2.3.4 the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.
- 2.4 The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data Processed in connection with its obligations under the Contract:
- 2.4.1 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;

- 2.4.2 ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, including in the case of the Supplier the measures set out in Clause 18.4 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:
- a) nature of the data to be protected;
  - b) harm that might result from a Personal Data Breach;
  - c) state of technological development; and
  - d) cost of implementing any measures;
- 2.4.3 ensure that:
- a) the Processor Personnel do not Process Personal Data except in accordance with the Contract (and in particular Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*));
  - b) it uses all reasonable endeavours to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Processor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:
    - (i) are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this Schedule 20, Clauses 18 (Data protection), 19 (What you must keep confidential) and 20 (When you can share information);
    - (ii) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Processor or any Subprocessor;
    - (iii) 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
    - (iv) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data;
- 2.4.4 not transfer Personal Data outside of the UK unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
- a) the transfer is in accordance with Article 45 of the UK GDPR (or section 73 of DPA 2018); or
  - b) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with UK GDPR Article 46 or section 75 of the DPA 2018) as determined by the Controller which could include relevant parties entering into the International Data Transfer Agreement (the "**IDTA**"), or International Data Transfer Agreement Addendum to the European Commission's SCCs (the "**Addendum**"), as published by the Information Commissioner's Office from time to time, as well as any additional measures determined by the Controller;

- c) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
  - d) 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
  - e) the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the Processing of the Personal Data;
- 2.4.5 where the Personal Data is subject to EU GDPR, not transfer Personal Data outside of the EU unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
  - a) the transfer is in accordance with Article 45 of the EU GDPR; or
  - b) the transferring Party has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer in accordance with Article 46 of the EU GDPR as determined by the non-transferring Party which could include relevant parties entering into Standard Contractual Clauses in the European Commission's decision 2021/914/EU or such updated version of such Standard Contractual Clauses as are published by the European Commission from time to time as well as any additional measures determined by the non-transferring Party;
  - c) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
  - d) the transferring Party 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 non-transferring Party in meeting its obligations); and
  - e) the transferring Party complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the non-transferring Party with respect to the processing of the Personal Data; and
- 2.4.6 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.

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- 2.5 Subject to Paragraph 2.6 of this Schedule 20, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if in relation to it Processing Personal Data under or in connection with the Contract it:
- 2.5.1 receives a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request);
  - 2.5.2 receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
  - 2.5.3 receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
  - 2.5.4 receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data Processed under the Contract;
  - 2.5.5 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
  - 2.5.6 becomes aware of a Personal Data Breach.
- 2.6 The Processor's obligation to notify under Paragraph 2.5 of this Schedule 20 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller, as details become available.
- 2.7 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 2.5 of this Schedule 20 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by immediately providing:
- 2.7.1 the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
  - 2.7.2 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;
  - 2.7.3 the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
  - 2.7.4 assistance as requested by the Controller following any Personal Data Breach; and/or
  - 2.7.5 assistance as requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority.
- 2.8 The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this Schedule 20. This requirement does not apply where the Processor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:
- 2.8.1 the Controller determines that the Processing is not occasional;

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- 2.8.2 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
- 2.8.3 the Controller determines that the Processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.
- 2.9 The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.
- 2.10 The Parties shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.
- 2.11 Before allowing any Subprocessor to Process any Personal Data related to the Contract, the Processor must:
  - 2.11.1 notify the Controller in writing of the intended Subprocessor and Processing;
  - 2.11.2 obtain the written consent of the Controller;
  - 2.11.3 enter into a written agreement with the Subprocessor which give effect to the terms set out in this Schedule 20 such that they apply to the Subprocessor; and
  - 2.11.4 provide the Controller with such information regarding the Subprocessor as the Controller may reasonably require.
- 2.12 The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Subprocessors.
- 2.13 The Buyer may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this Schedule 20 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).
- 2.14 The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Buyer may on not less than 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.

### **3. Where the Parties are Joint Controllers of Personal Data**

- 3.1 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 Schedule 20 (*Processing Data*).

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

- 3.2 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.

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- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Where a Party has provided Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with Paragraph 3.2 of this Schedule 20 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The Parties shall only provide Personal Data to each other:
  - 3.6.1 to the extent necessary to perform their respective obligations under the Contract;
  - 3.6.2 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
  - 3.6.3 where it has recorded it in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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”**):
  - 3.9.1 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

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- 3.9.2 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:
  - a) 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
  - b) 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.
- 3.10 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:
  - 3.10.1 do all such things as reasonably necessary to assist the other Party in mitigating the effects of the Personal Data Breach;
  - 3.10.2 implement any measures necessary to restore the security of any compromised Personal Data;
  - 3.10.3 work with the other Party to make any required notifications to the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority and affected Data Subjects in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation (including the timeframes set out therein); and
  - 3.10.4 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.
- 3.11 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*).
- 3.12 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*).
- 3.13 Notwithstanding the general application of Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.14 of this Schedule 20 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 3.2 to 3.12 of this Schedule 20.



## Annex 1 - Processing Personal Data

1. This Annex shall be completed by the Controller, who may take account of the view of the Processor, however the final decision as to the content of this Annex shall be with the Buyer at its absolute discretion.
  - 1.1 The contact details of the Buyer's Data Protection Officer are:
  - 1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are:
  - 1.3 The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.
  - 1.4 Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

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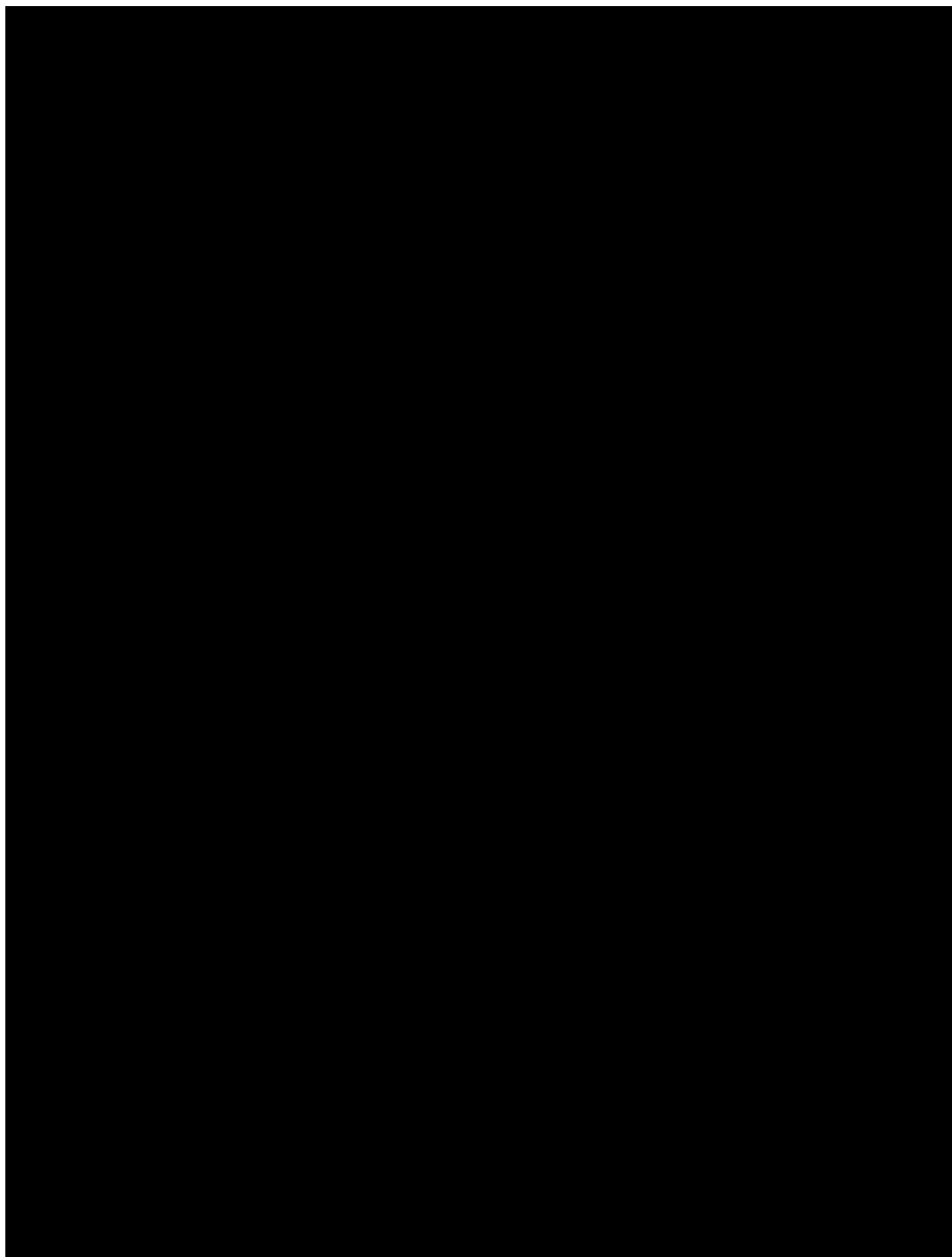
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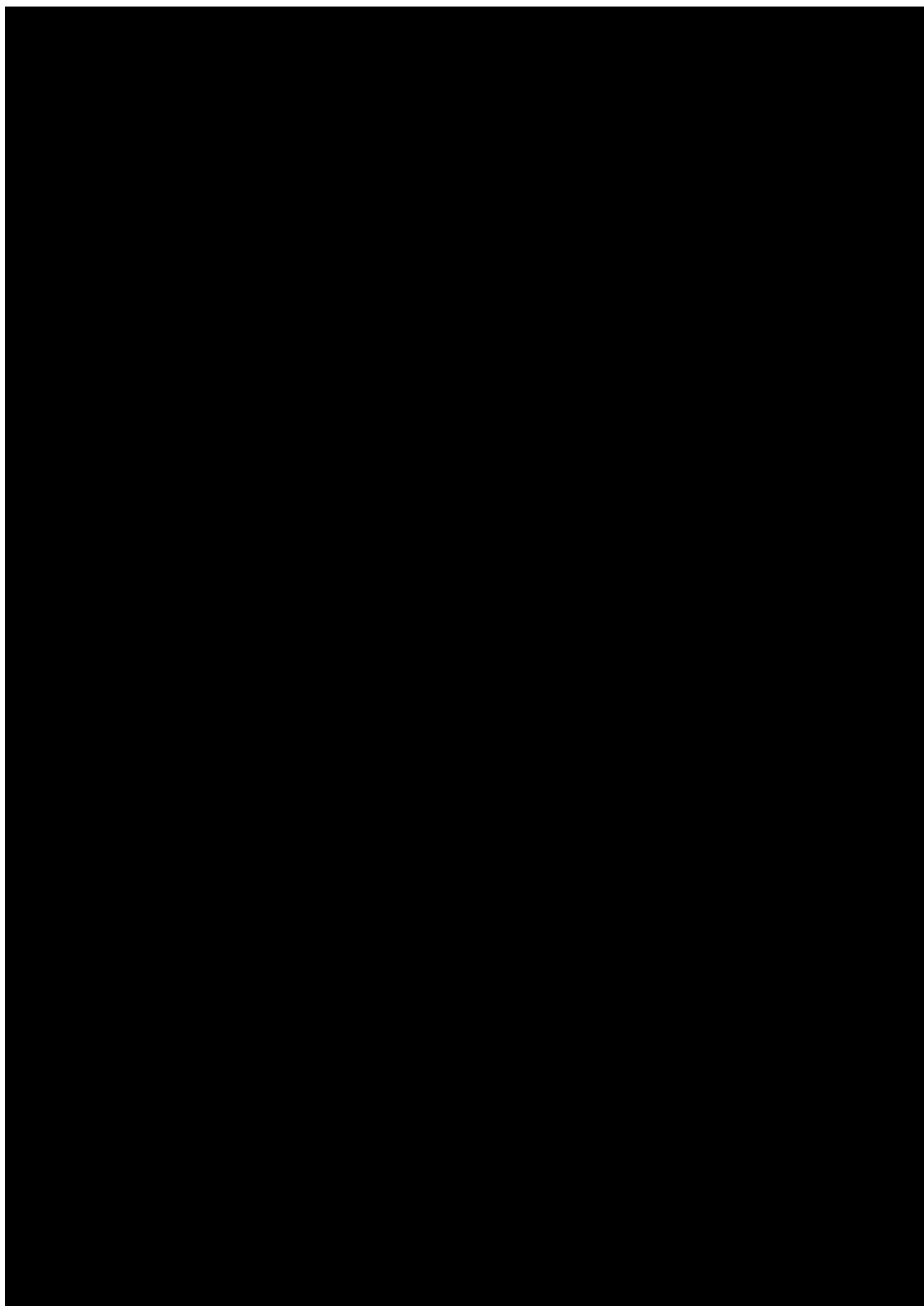
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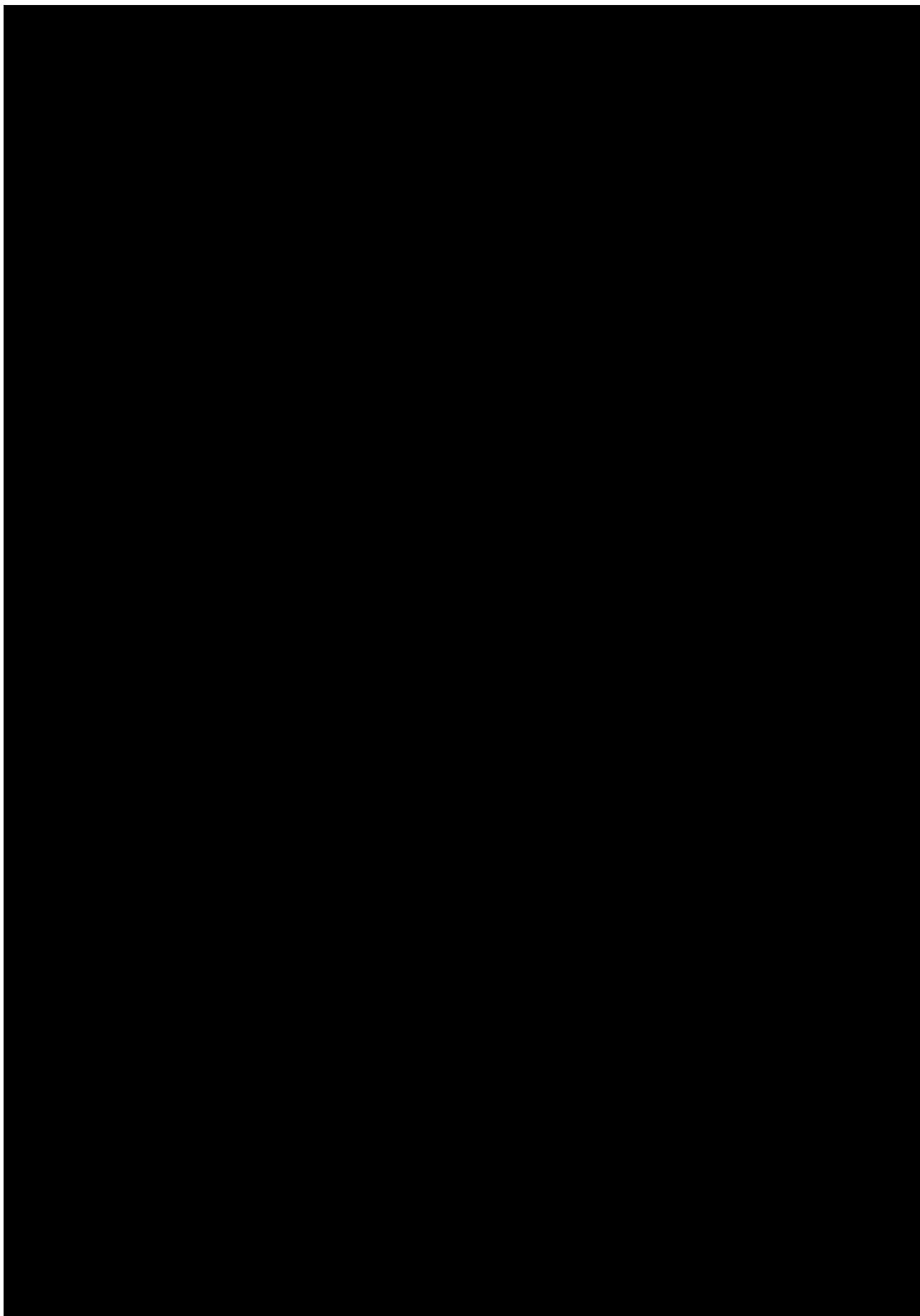
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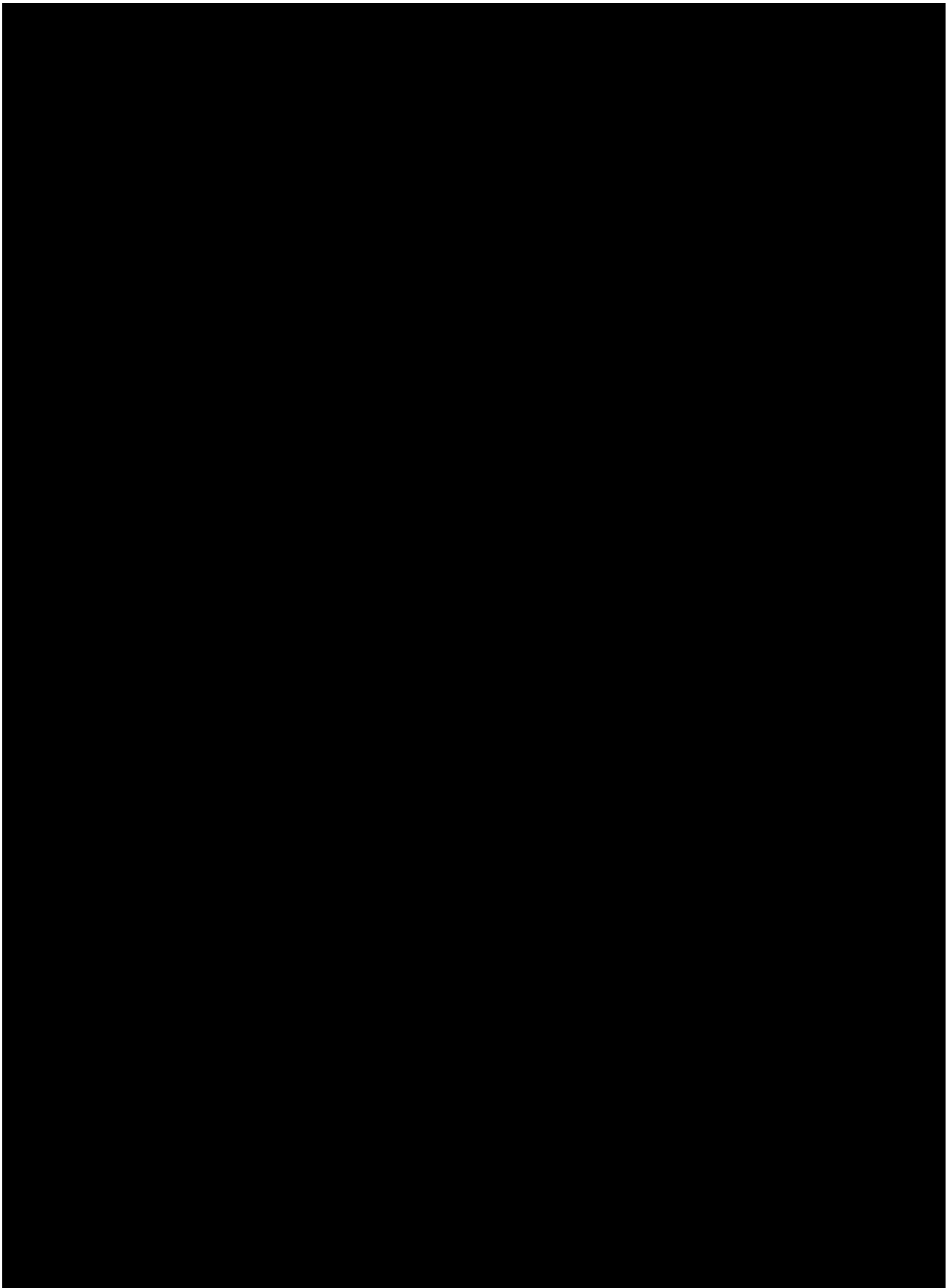
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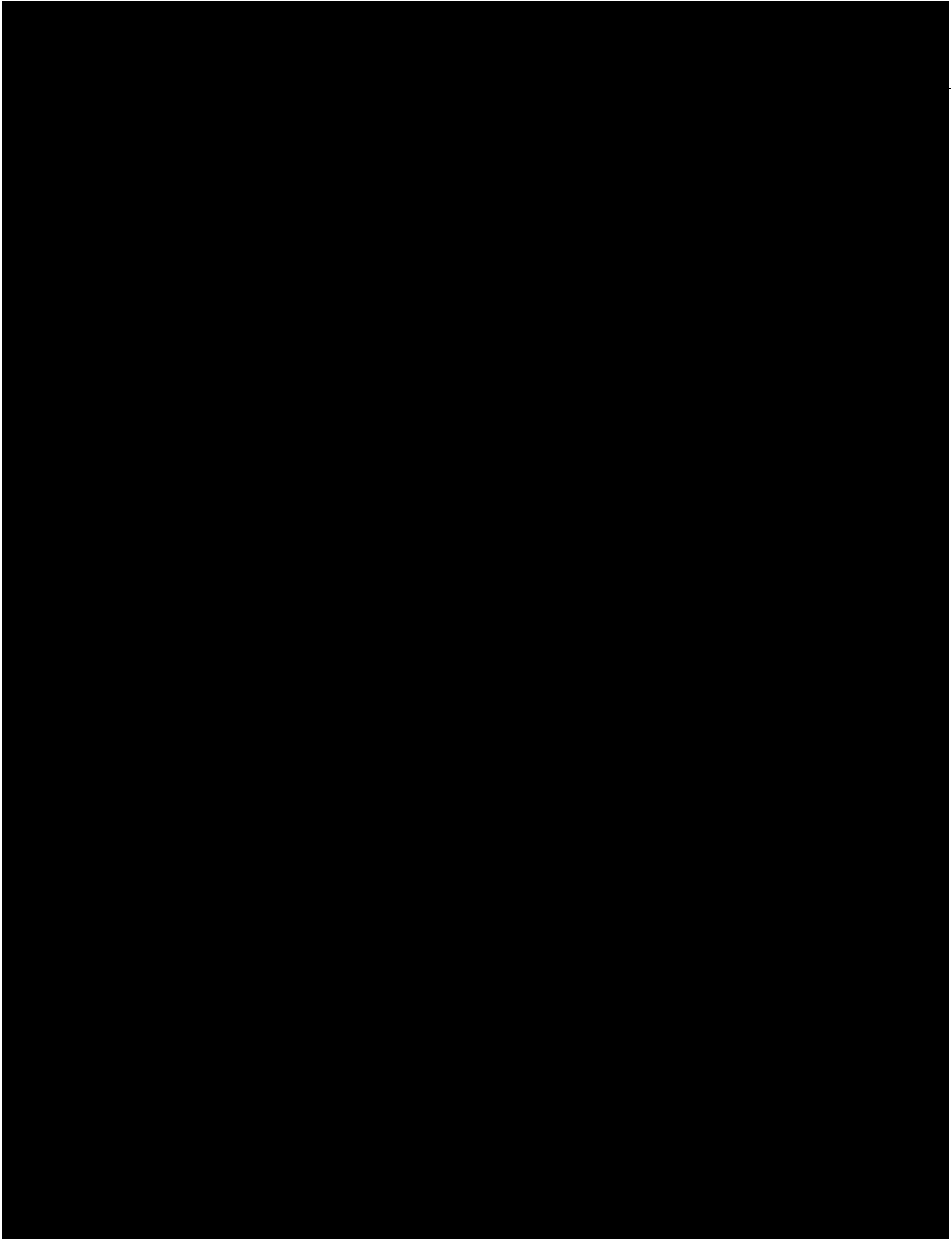


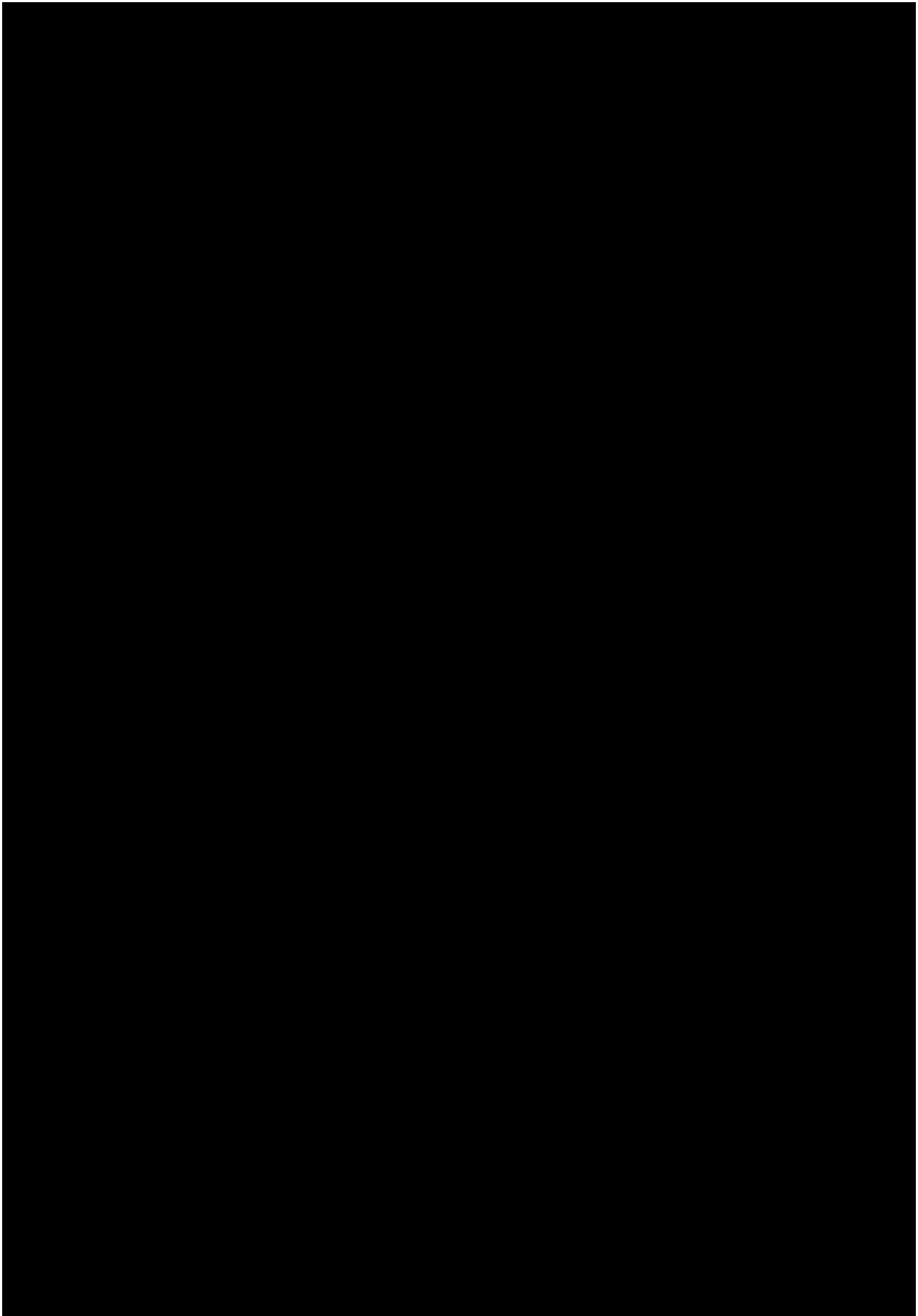


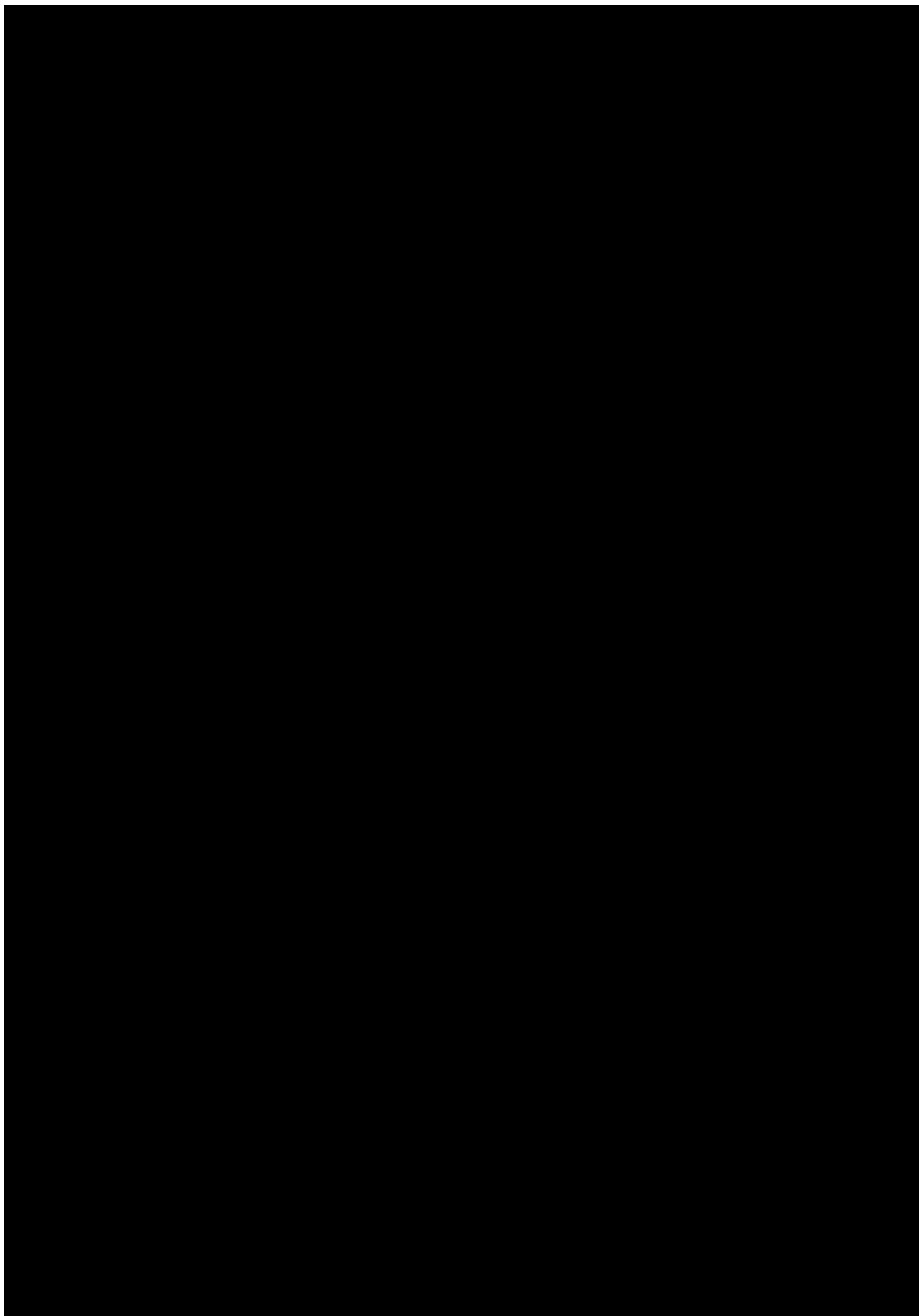


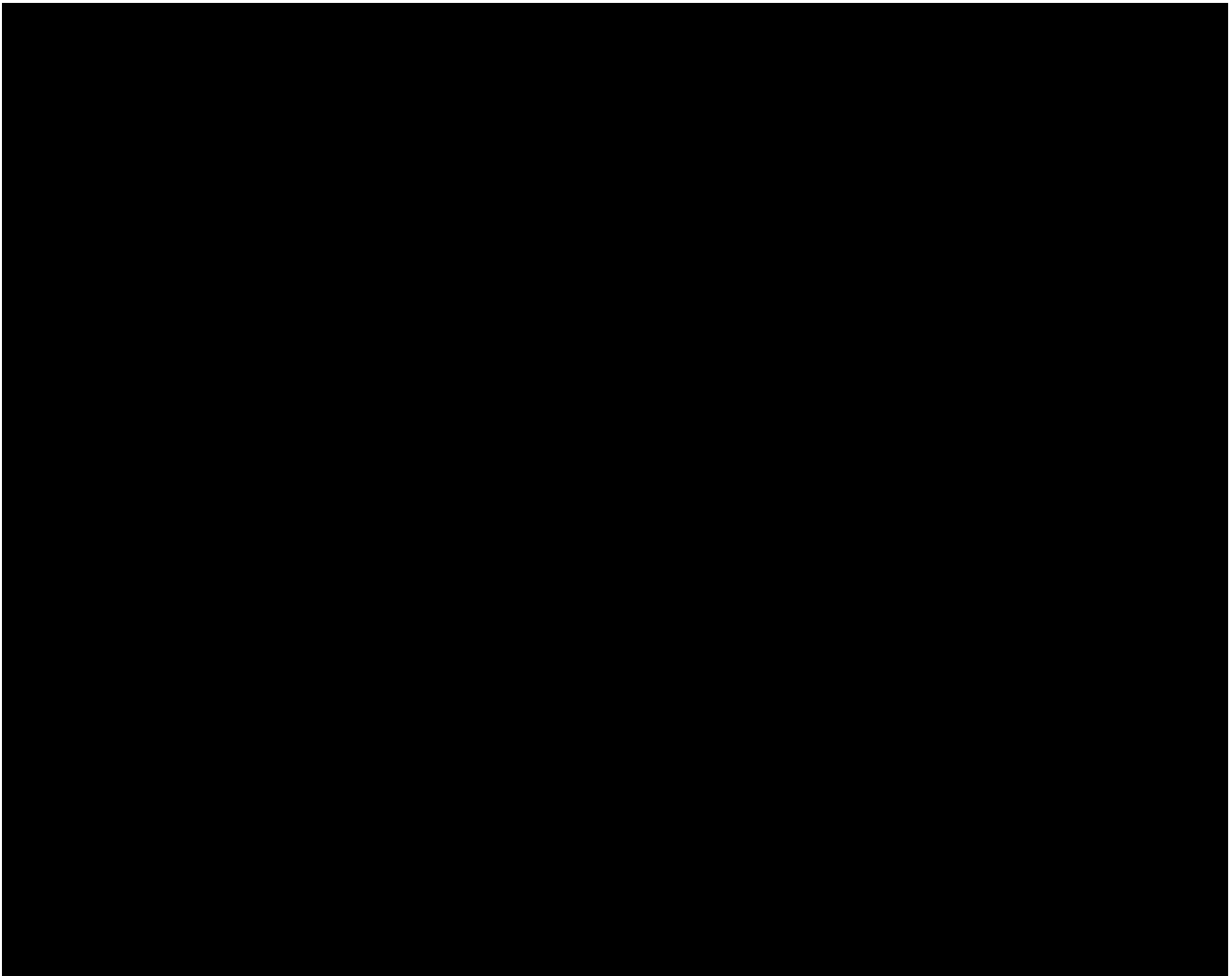












## **Schedule 2 (Specification)**

### **Executive Summary**

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) provides a range of services on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care. Over £43 billion flows through our organisation every year, including payments to dentists, pharmacists, NHS pensioners and healthcare and social work students.

Our purpose is to be a catalyst for better health and our vision is to be the delivery partner of choice for the NHS.

### **Introduction**

#### **About the Buyer**

The Buyer is an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care. We provide a range of critical central services and business solutions to NHS organisations (our 'clients'), NHS contractors, health bodies, patients and the public (our 'customers'). Our purpose, as defined in the 'NHSBSA Strategy 2023-26', can be found at [NHSBSA Strategy 2023-26](#).

Further information can be found at <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/>.

#### **Medical Services Pensions**

The NHS Pension Scheme is an unfunded occupational pension scheme, backed by the Exchequer, operating under regulations made by the Secretary of State. The scheme is open to all NHS employees and employees of other approved organisations covering England and Wales.

NHS Pensions receives contributions in the region of £10 billion per annum and makes payments of around £9.5 billion. The NHS Pension Scheme provides pensions, based on final salary, or career average earnings in certain circumstances, for employees of participating Employing Authorities (EA's).

The Buyer provides the end-to-end process of administering the NHS Pension Scheme on behalf of all scheme members, NHS pensioners and employers.

The Buyer is seeking to procure a contract for Medical Services on behalf of NHS Pensions which will require a supplier to medically certify applications from pension members for ill health retirement with an independent medical advisor. The NHS Pension Scheme provides two levels of Ill Health Retirement benefits, which are dependent on the severity of the condition of a member.

Further information can be found at [Contact NHS Pensions - members | NHSBSA](#)

#### **Current Service**

The current service is provided under a contract which is due to end on 22nd July 2024. The Buyer anticipates that a replacement contract will be awarded which will commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 with a transition period which will commence in February 2024.

The initial period of this contract is 4 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years. The estimated value of the contract is £7,649,708 over the 7-year period.

### **Overview of Requirements**

The successful supplier of the medical services contract will be required to:

- Understand the NHS Pension Scheme regulations and the potential differences between each Section/Scheme on each application.
- Make and convey the decisions on initial applications for ill health retirement benefits and permanent injury benefits in line with the provisions of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations and NHS Injury Benefit Regulations.
- Provide medical advice and recommendations in relation to claims for temporary injury allowance.
- Provide medical advice and recommendations for disputes under the Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) procedures and in response to investigations by the Pensions Ombudsman within the Statutory Target dates.
- Provide advice and recommendations in other cases where reasonably requested by the NHS Pensions of the Buyer, e.g., incapacitated child.
- Provide advice and recommendations for Severe Ill Health retirement application in line with the HMRC Guidance.
- Ensure UK GDPR Regulations and Quality Control is in place in accordance with NHS Pension Scheme Regulations.
- Ensure, if required, that Further Medical Evidence is requested to support the decision outcome of a members ill health application.
- To provide a digital solution for customers to be able to track their application and comply with verification and security checks prior to disclosing sensitive information.
- In the first year of the contract, there is potential to be a requirement to re-assess c6,000 McCloud cases following the McCloud judgement.

### **McCloud Programme**

Part of the McCloud programme aims to remove age discrimination which occurred when transitional protection was given to some members as part of the introduction of the 2015 NHS pension scheme.

From 1st October 2023, eligible members who transitioned to the reformed scheme are to be re-enrolled back into their legacy scheme for the duration of the remedy period which ran from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2022.

Any events related to a member's pension record that occurred during the remedy period must now be reviewed and considered against the scheme that the member is being rolled back into.

In addition, actions performed on member's records that have received full protection and didn't transition to the reformed scheme will also require a review. This is because there could have been a more beneficial outcome and is now referred to as 'reverse McCloud'.

Members who have had ill health retirement outcomes during the remedy period will require a review of their case to see if there would have been a more beneficial outcome, had transitional protection not been in place.

NHS Pensions have approximately 15,000 members records that need to be assessed to determine if a review is required. The initial triage of cases has shown that up to 7,000 cases will require medical review, with further triage needed to confirm final case volumes.

The incumbent supplier aims to complete a proportion of these cases, however it is estimated that the new supplier may need to complete 6,000 cases by the legislative deadline of March 2025.

The submitted case volumes from 2022/2023 are as follows:

Ill Health Retirement Application	2841
Early payment of deferred benefit Application	462
Permanent Injury benefit Application	7
Temporary Injury Allowance Benefit	0
McCloud	71
Allocations, Incapacitated Child and Widowers	59
Internal Dispute Resolution 1 and 2 Advice and cases referred to the Ombudsman	375

## Social Value



The Buyer will monitor the performance of the Supplier throughout the term of this Contract utilising the contract rights and remedies available to ensure the service levels as detailed in Schedule 10 Service Levels are met. The Buyer has a requirement to publish quarterly data in relation to the top 3 KPI's in addition to one Social Value KPI in line with government reporting standards under the heading of Project Santiago. The Supplier will not unreasonably withhold consent to the KPI's selected and the data publication'.

Social Value legislation and guidance places a legal requirement on all public bodies to consider the additional social, economic and environmental benefits that can be realised for individuals and communities through commissioning and procurement activity, and, in Scotland, to deliver them. These benefits are over and above the core deliverables of contracts. More information on social value can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-value-act-introductory-guide>. [The Social Value Act](#) the [Procurement Reform Scotland Act](#) and [Welsh Community Benefits guidance](#).

The Supplier shall be responsible for ensuring that social value priorities are cascaded throughout the supply chain; the Buyer has identified the following social value priorities for this procurement: Theme 2 Tackling Inequality.

The Buyer's diversity and inclusion strategy aims to increase and maintain diversity throughout our workforce by attracting candidates from diverse communities and with a broad range of characteristics, and by retaining our colleagues through offering development and increasing engagement, which leads to a more inclusive organisation overall.

For further information on the Buyer's Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2025: [Diversity and Inclusion Strategy \(1\).pdf \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](#)

## Part 1 - Services Description

### **1 Definitions**

In this Schedule, the following expressions shall have the following meaning:

**Acknowledgement** means a written acknowledgement to be sent to the Applicant and (where relevant) the Applicant's employer confirming receipt of the

Application and giving relevant contact details of the Supplier

**Advice** means, in respect of an IDR, the advice in respect of such IDR produced or to be produced by a Registered Medical Practitioner or the Senior Medical Officer in performance of the Services, and the Advice in respect of each IDR shall constitute a **Unit of Advice**

**Applicant** means an individual who has applied for a Benefit under any NHS Pension Scheme or the NHS Injury Benefits Scheme

**Application** means an application for any benefit under any of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations and/or the NHS Injury Benefits Scheme Regulations including:

- (a) ill health retirement benefit;
- (b) allocation of NHS Pension Scheme benefits;
- (c) dependant incapacitated Child;
- (d) dependant widower allowance;
- (e) early payment of deferred benefits;
- (f) NHS injury benefit including:
  - (i) permanent injury benefit; and
  - (ii) temporary injury allowance
- (g) McCloud

in each case as described in the applicable provisions of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations and/or the NHS Injury Benefits Scheme Regulations

**BMA Rates** means the British Medical Association (BMA) rates for the provision of reports and advice then in force

**Clinical Governance Strategy** means the document described at paragraph 3 of Appendix B

**Comparable Supply** means a service that is identical or materially similar to the Medical Service (including in terms of scope, specification and quality of performance)

**Connected Person** means, in respect of any Applicant:

- (a) a person authorised in writing by such Applicant to act on their behalf; or
- (b) a person appointed under a valid power of attorney to act on behalf of such Applicant

**Decision** means any of the following:

- (a) a decision made or to be made by the Supplier on behalf of the Secretary

of State pursuant to Regulation U1A or Schedule 2A(16) of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations 1995 (as amended) in respect of an Application;

- (b) a decision made or to be made by the Supplier on behalf of the Secretary of State pursuant to Regulation 2.J.11 or Regulation 3.J.11 of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 (as amended) in respect of an Application;
- (c) a decision made or to be made by the Supplier on behalf of the Scheme Manager pursuant to paragraph 15, Part 6, Schedule 3 of the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations 2015 (as amended) in respect of an Application; and
- (d) a decision made or to be made by the Supplier on behalf of the Secretary of State pursuant to Regulation 21A of the NHS (Injury Benefits) 1995 (as amended) in respect of an Application

**Further Medical Evidence or FME** means additional medical information or further information that is required by the Supplier in order to carry out its obligations under this Contract in respect of a specific Applicant, including (but not limited to):

- (a) further detail or information from the Applicant's medical records;
- (b) further detail or information obtained from the Applicant's specialist, General Practitioner or Occupational Health Physician;
- (c) any evidence obtained as a result of a medical examination arranged by the Supplier pursuant to paragraph 7.2(c); or
- (c) discrete items of independent specialist advice obtained from medical providers who are not otherwise connected with the Applicant

**Harmful Information** means information which has not been disclosed to the Applicant by their own medical providers, but which has been acquired by or provided to the Supplier, which is considered, in the reasonable opinion of the Registered Medical Practitioner following a relevant assessment, to be likely to damage the Applicant's health if divulged to them

**HMRC Guidance** means the guidance set out at <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/pensions-tax-manual/ptm051200#IDAOVPMB> as updated from time to time

**IDR** means Internal Dispute Resolution, and

- (a) **IDR1** means the first stage of the internal dispute resolution process issued pursuant to Section 50 of the Pensions Act 1995; and
- (b) **IDR2** means the second stage of the internal dispute resolution process issued pursuant to Section 50 of the Pensions Act 1995,

in each case from time to time

**Implementation Services** means the services to be provided by the Supplier

described at paragraph 3 of this Schedule

**Incumbent Supplier** means Medigold Health

**Medical Service** means the administrative and medical services to be provided by the Supplier as described by and in accordance with this Schedule

**Pensions Advisory Service** means the independent organisation that provides independent and impartial information and guidance about pensions free of charge to members of the public

**Pensions Board** means the independent body established pursuant to section 5 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 relevant to the Medical Service

**Pensions Ombudsman** means the person who is for the time being appointed as pensions ombudsman pursuant to the Pensions Act 1993

**Registered Medical Practitioner** means a fully registered medical practitioner within the meaning given by:

- (a) Section 55 of the Medical Act 1983 to "fully registered person"; and
- (b) Regulation 166 of the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2015 to "medical practitioner",

who satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph 4.2(b) of this Schedule

**Scheme Law** means the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations and/or NHS Injury Benefits Regulations as relevant

**Senior Medical Officer** means a fully registered medical practitioner within the meaning given by:

- (a) Section 55 of the Medical Act 1983 to "fully registered person"; and
- (b) Regulation 166 of the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2015 to "medical practitioner",

who satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph 4.2(c) of this Schedule

**Test Plan** has the meaning given in Schedule 1 (Definitions)

**Test Sample** means a sample comprising no less than 10% of the total number of Decisions and Units of Advice (in aggregate) provided to the Buyer in any Service Period (excluding re-assessments performed pursuant to paragraph 14), such sample being proportionally representative in terms of:

- (a) type of Application;
- (b) IDR referral type;
- (c) the Registered Medical Practitioner performing the initial assessment;

and

- (d) outcome (i.e. whether the Application or Referral was resolved in favour of the Applicant),

when compared against the total number of Decisions and Units of Advice (in aggregate) provided to the Buyer in any Service Period (excluding re-assessments performed pursuant to paragraph 14)

**Test Specification** has the meaning given in Part B of Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing)

**Test Strategy** has the meaning given in Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing)

**Validate** means a check to be performed by the Supplier on receipt of an Application to make sure the Application is complete and **Validation** shall be construed accordingly

**Work In Progress** means:

- (a) any Applications that on the Operational Service Commencement Date have been validated but have not resulted in a Decision;
- (b) any IDR processes that are incomplete as at the Operational Service Commencement Date;
- (c) any other tasks commenced by the Incumbent Supplier in respect of the Medical Service that remain to be completed as at the Operational Service Commencement Date.

## **2 Introduction**

2.1 Unless otherwise stated in this Schedule all capitalised terms in this Schedule shall have the meaning set out in Schedule 1 (Definitions).

2.2 The Buyer has chosen to appoint the Supplier to provide certain services relating to:

- (a) each of the NHS Pension Schemes; and
- (b) the NHS Injury Benefits Scheme,

and has entered into this Contract with the Supplier in order for the Supplier to provide the services that the Buyer requires.

2.3 The purpose of this Part 1 of Schedule 2 is to:

- (a) set out the intended scope of the Services to be provided by the Supplier; and
- (b) provide a description of what each Service entails.

## **3 Implementation Services**

3.1 This paragraph describes the Implementation Services that shall be provided by the Supplier prior to the Operational Service Commencement Date.

### *Implementation Plan*

3.2 The Supplier shall:

- (a) comply with Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing) in relation to the production, management and delivery of the Detailed Implementation Plan; and
- (b) work with the Buyer and the Incumbent Supplier in an open and honest manner under the direction of the Transition Board (including the implementation of any instructions or requirements of the Transition Board) in order to:
  - (i) escalate and resolve any issues encountered by the Supplier in complying with 3.2(a) above; and
  - (ii) solve and learn from any issues it may encounter whilst providing the Implementation Services; and
  - (iii) manage any issues relating to staffing of the Medical Service and the training of Registered Medical Practitioners.

### *Clinical governance strategy*

3.3 The Supplier shall:

- (a) develop and deliver to the Buyer by no later than twenty (20) Working Days after the Effective Date the Clinical Governance Strategy described in paragraph 3.1 of Appendix B; and
- (b) following delivery pursuant to (a) above, ensure the Clinical Governance Strategy is implemented, maintained and adhered to wherever relevant in its performance of the Services.

*Transfer of Data*

3.4 The Supplier shall work with the Incumbent Supplier to ensure that all information and data required from the Incumbent Supplier in order for the Supplier to provide the Services (including the Implementation Services described in this paragraph 3) is secured from the Incumbent Supplier before the Operational Service Commencement Date and that such data and information is:

- (a) free from any restrictions in respect of usage in connection with the Services;
- (b) checked to ensure freedom from corruption, errors, viruses and malware;
- (c) backed up in a format to be agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer; and
- (d) available to the Buyer promptly on request.

*Work in Progress*

3.5 The Buyer shall agree with the Supplier and Incumbent Supplier how all Work in Progress will be progressed and concluded from the Operational Service Commencement Date and the Supplier shall prioritise the completion of the Work in Progress in accordance with the reasonable requirements of the Buyer.

*Confirmation Report*

3.6 No less than twenty (20) Working Days before the Operational Service Commencement Date the Supplier shall deliver to the Buyer a report:

- (a) confirming that no later than the Operational Service Commencement Date the Supplier shall have in place all required systems, personnel and processes required in order to:
  - (i) receive and respond to Applications, IDR referrals, requests and instructions from the Buyer;
  - (ii) provide Decisions and Advice as required by this Schedule; and
  - (iii) provide any professional advice, information or reports required as part of the Services to be provided under this Schedule to the Buyer;
- (b) confirming that the processes described in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 are:
  - (i) complete; or

- (ii) ongoing but:
  - (A) (in the case of 3.4) shall be completed by the Supplier prior to the Operational Service Commencement Date); and
  - (B) (in the case of 3.5) shall be completed by the Supplier as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (c) setting out a plan for completion of all Work in Progress; and
- (d) setting out a complaints policy consistent with the complaints procedures used by the Buyer prior to the Effective Date (as set out in the complaints procedure document provided by the Buyer to the Supplier prior to the Effective Date).

#### *Testing*

- 3.7 The Supplier shall comply with Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing) in relation to the development of the Test Strategy, the Test Plans and Test Specifications. The Supplier shall submit the Test Plans and Test Specifications to the Buyer for the approval of the Buyer prior to starting the relevant Testing. The Supplier shall deliver, manage and conduct Tests in accordance with the Test Strategy, the Test Plans and Test Specifications.

#### *Existing Supplier Expertise*

- 3.8 The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to minimise the costs and risks present in the provision of the Services by utilising the following Materials in the provision of the Services prior to the Operational Service Commencement Date:

- (a) existing IT systems and software of:

- (i) the Supplier; and
- (ii) any of its Sub-contractors;

- (b) existing processes:

- (i) of the Supplier; and
- (ii) any of its Sub-contractors,

that can be adapted for use in provision of the Services; and

- (c) existing procedures of the Supplier and any of its Sub-contractors, used and proven in provision of a Comparable Supply,

where utilisation of such Materials is in accordance with Good Industry Practice and any relevant Law.

#### *Improvements to existing Medical Service*

- 3.9 The Supplier shall (during the period prior to the Operational Service Commencement Date) identify and suggest to the Buyer amendments and improvements to the existing processes and systems used by the Incumbent Supplier



to deliver the Medical Services. If the Buyer wishes to incorporate any amendment and/or improvement identified by the Supplier the Buyer shall send the Supplier a Change Request in accordance with Schedule 21 (Variation Form)

#### *Service Takeover*

- 3.10 The Supplier shall provide the Services described in paragraphs 4-13 below ("**Operational Services**") on and with effect from the Operational Service Commencement Date, and shall manage the transition from provision by the Incumbent Supplier in order to provide, as far as reasonably practicable, a seamless changeover.

#### **4 Personnel: Knowledge and experience**

- 4.1 This paragraph concerns the selection of medical practitioners to be utilised by the Supplier in provision of the Services and the required qualifications of such practitioners.

- 4.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall apply its clinical knowledge to Applications made in respect of the NHS Pension Scheme or the NHS Injury Benefit Scheme as referred to the Supplier by the Buyer, and shall provide to the Buyer:

(i) Decisions; and

(ii) Advice,

as relevant in respect of each Application so referred;

- (b) the Supplier shall ensure that all Decisions and Advice provided to the Buyer as part of the Services are provided by a Registered Medical Practitioner, with a licence to practice, who meets or exceeds the following requirements:

(i) has no less than five (5) years relevant post-graduate experience; and

(ii) fulfils or exceeds any one of the following criteria:

(A) holds a Diploma in Occupational Medicine (**D Occ Med**); or

(B) is an Associate of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (**AFOM**); or

(C) holds the equivalent qualification or professional membership to (A) or (B) as awarded by an equivalent body within the European Economic Area,

and maintains as required all relevant elements of such accreditation, in order to re-register as an accredited specialist in occupational health when renewal of such accreditation is due;

- (c) the Supplier shall ensure that access to a Senior Medical Officer is maintained throughout the Term. The Senior Medical Officer shall perform the duties and roles described in Appendix B to this Schedule, and shall meet or exceed the following requirements:
  - (i) shall be an accredited specialist in occupational health medicine (with no less than five (5) years of relevant experience); and
  - (ii) fulfils any one of the following criteria:
    - (A) is a Member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (**MFOM**); or
    - (B) is a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (**FFOM**); or
    - (C) holds the equivalent professional membership to (A) or (B) as awarded by an equivalent body within the European Economic Area,

and maintains as required all relevant elements of such accreditation, in order to re-register as an accredited specialist in occupational health when renewal of such accreditation is due;
- (d) the Supplier shall ensure that any Registered Medical Practitioner or Senior Medical Officer engaged in the provision of the Services is available and able to attend any working groups established by the Buyer in order to consider difficult medical issues including issues in respect of:
  - (i) changes in policy;
  - (ii) any Change in Law;
  - (iii) new and emerging conditions; and
  - (iv) occupational health matters; and
- (e) the Supplier shall ensure that throughout the Term the Services are provided with reasonable care, skill and diligence, and the Supplier shall ensure that pursuant to these objectives:
  - (i) all Supplier Personnel are appropriately qualified, trained and experienced; and
  - (ii) all medical staff (including those described at (c) and (d) above) shall have access to current relevant medical knowledge in relation to the assessment of health in relation to work and the workplace.

## **5 Online Portal**

- 5.1 The Supplier shall provide and maintain an online portal for the Buyer. The Supplier shall ensure that the portal shall provide as a minimum, but not limited to:

- Web based access;
  - Multiple Secure logins by the Buyer's Personnel and Members
  - The online portal shall be segregated with restricted access so that the Buyer and Members are independent from one another.
  - Input and transfer of the Member's referrals on the online portal, ensuring the data is transferred to the correct part of the portal. i.e., the Buyer and Members should only be able to access their respective part of the portal and only their data within that part.
  - Case management and tracking;
    - Real time Management Information in a downloadable format for the Buyer.
  - A Standard that is compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1AA or as may be updated from time to time.
  - User guide/training, how to use
- 5.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the online portal(s) is available fifty two (52) weeks a year, Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00, excluding Public and Bank Holidays. Downtime and maintenance which will be agreed with the Buyer at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of such work being carried.
- 5.3 The Supplier shall provide a Help Desk as set out in paragraph 3 in Schedule 10 (Service Levels).
- 5.4 All Buyer Personnel and Members who access the online portal shall be requested to complete a confidential questionnaire which targets feedback on the online portal in relation to its effectiveness, accessibility and relevance. Such results will be anonymised and provided to the Buyer as part of the monthly management information.
- 5.5 The Supplier must ensure that they meet the security requirements as set out in Section 14.2 in the Qualification Envelope and provide evidence of such, prior to contract award.

## **6 Receipt, Acknowledgement and updating of Applications**

- 6.1 This paragraph concerns the process of receiving, acknowledging and Validating Applications referred to the Supplier by the Buyer.
- 6.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:
- (a) the Supplier shall receive Applications which shall be referred by the Buyer:
    - (i) electronically via the online portal for all applications on each Working Day.
  - (b) the Supplier shall provide each Applicant with an Acknowledgement within two (2) Working Days of receipt of the relevant Application following referral by the Buyer;
  - (c) the Supplier shall Validate each Application referred by the Buyer as described in paragraph 6.2 (a) above and the Supplier shall:

- (i) where such Application is found to be complete and to contain all required information, process that Application pursuant to paragraph 6 below; or
- (ii) where such Application is found to be incomplete or is found to be missing any required information, use all reasonable endeavors in order to obtain the relevant information from:
  - (A) the Buyer,

as appropriate, and where such information is not obtainable the Supplier shall inform the Buyer.
- (d) the Supplier shall be responsible for all aspects of the Medical Service from referral of an Application to the Supplier (or, where relevant, receipt of a request for information from the Buyer) to the point where all required Advice, Decisions and rationales have been communicated to the Applicant and the Buyer. In order to ensure all interested parties remain informed throughout the process the Supplier shall:
  - (i) electronically track each Application ensuring that it is in a position to report on progress if requested or required at any point in the process relevant to that Application; and
  - (ii) provide updates in appropriate format to each of the Buyer, the Applicant and where relevant the Applicant's employer within one (1) Working Day of a relevant Application passing through the following processes:
    - (A) Validation;
    - (B) issuing of a Decision;
    - (C) (where relevant) any FME request being made; and
    - (D) (where relevant) any equivalent IDR stages.

## **7 Assessment of Applications for Benefits**

- 7.1 This paragraph concerns the process of the Supplier assessing each Application and making a Decision. Such Decisions shall be made based on the available evidence and be in accordance with the relevant Scheme Law and set out in Schedule 10 (Service Levels).
- 7.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:
- (a) the Supplier shall assess and make Decisions:
    - (i) in respect of each Application for Ill Health Retirement Benefits (including relevant Serious Ill Health Applications) referred to the Supplier by the Buyer;
    - (ii) in respect of each Application for Early Payment of Deferred Benefits (including relevant Serious Ill Health Applications) referred to the Supplier by the Buyer;

- (iii) in respect of an Application for a child allowance referred to the Supplier by the Buyer;
- (iv) in respect of each McCloud Application
- (v) in respect of each Application for a Dependent Widower's pension referred to the Supplier by the Buyer;
- (vi) in respect of each Application for Allocation of NHS Pension Scheme Benefit referred to the Supplier by the Buyer;
- (vii) in respect of each Application for Permanent Injury Benefit referred to the Supplier by the Buyer, including:
  - (A) a determination as to whether the claimed injury or disease is wholly or mainly attributable to the Applicant's NHS employment; and
  - (B) an assessment of the Applicant's applicable "Degree of reduction of earning ability" and identification of the applicable percentage band in accordance with the NHS Injury Benefits Scheme Regulations;
- (viii) in respect of each Application for Temporary Injury Allowance referred to the Supplier by the Buyer; and
- (ix) as to whether an Applicant, in connection with a relevant claim under (i) above, satisfies the criteria for a Severe Ill Health Condition in accordance with HMRC Guidance; and
- (b) the Supplier shall within one (1) Working Day of reaching any Decision pursuant to paragraph 6.2(a) above:
  - (i) inform each of the Buyer, the Applicant and (where relevant) the Applicant's employer of the Decisions reached, providing any relevant assessments or supporting rationale as necessary; and
  - (ii) provide the Buyer with electronic copies of all documentation associated with such Decisions and assessments.

## **8 Requests for Further Medical Evidence**

- 8.1 This paragraph concerns the process of the Supplier requesting and utilising Further Medical Evidence (**FME**) where it is required in order for the Supplier to provide a Decision or Advice in cases where this not been possible using the evidence originally provided with the Application. Prior to the Supplier requesting FME, a consent form must be issued to the member and signed before contacting a third party i.e. their GP or Consultant. Timelines for requesting FME are set out in Annex 1 of Schedule 10 (Service Levels).
- 8.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:
- (a) the Supplier shall notify the Applicant where the Supplier has requested FME, such notice including the following details as a minimum:

- (i) the date the request for FME was made;
  - (ii) the person or organisation to whom the request for FME was made; and
  - (iii) the reasons for which the Supplier has requested the FME;
- (b) the Supplier shall request FME in connection with any IDR1 or IDR2 process (pursuant to paragraph 8) only with the prior approval of the Buyer;
- (c) on request by the Buyer, the Supplier shall arrange for any required medical examinations to be carried out;
- (d) the Supplier shall utilise its experience in assessing the costs (on a value for money basis) to be incurred in obtaining any requested FME, ensuring the rates to be paid in respect of obtaining such FME do not exceed:
  - (i) the applicable BMA Rates; or
  - (ii) such other rates notified to the Supplier by the Buyer as being authorised by the Buyer;
- (e) the Supplier shall, in respect of FME required pursuant to this Schedule (subject to paragraph 8.2(f) below):
  - (i) pay all fees arising from requests for FME, including where obtained on request of the Buyer; and
  - (ii) invoice the Buyer on a monthly basis for all FME costs (with a single invoice being provided in respect of total FME costs incurred by the Supplier for that month), providing appropriate supporting evidence where required or requested by the Buyer. Once the FME has been provided, payment from the Buyer can be requested;
- (f) notwithstanding paragraph 8.2(e) above, where all of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (i) an Applicant makes an Application for a benefit under the NHS Injury Benefit Scheme;
  - (ii) the Applicant's relevant NHS employment ceases on or after 31 March 2018; and
  - (iii) FME is required by the Supplier in order to properly assess that Applicant's Application,

the Supplier shall not be required to obtain such FME<sup>1</sup>; and
- (g) in the event that any FME required under this Schedule:
  - (i) has not been made available within a reasonable period; or

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<sup>1</sup> Responsibility for obtaining such FME shall rest with the Applicant.

- (ii) is not obtainable by the Supplier due to the restrictions described at (d) above,

the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to obtain the FME, and where this is not possible the Supplier shall make appropriate recommendations to the Buyer regarding possible solutions to the issues.

## **9 Dispute Resolution**

9.1 This paragraph concerns the internal dispute resolution processes relevant to the Medical Service as required under section 50 of the Pensions Act 1995: these are known as IDR1 (which comprises the section 50(2)(a) application) and IDR2 (which comprises the section 50 (2)(b) reconsideration of the IDR1 Decision).

9.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall receive IDR1 and IDR2 submissions from the Buyer as and when they arise;
- (b) where any dispute is raised by an Applicant other than through the Buyer, the Supplier shall within two (2) Working Days notify the Buyer and provide the Buyer with any communications sent by the Applicant in connection with the dispute;
- (c) on receiving an IDR1 or IDR2 submission from the Buyer the Supplier shall:
  - (i) consider all:
    - (A) Advice, Decisions, evidence and supporting rationale in respect of the connected Application relevant to the dispute; and
    - (B) any further material provided by either the Applicant or the Buyer;
  - (ii) provide the Buyer with electronic copies of all documentation considered pursuant to (i) above; and
  - (iii) provide Advice and supporting rationale in respect of the IDR1 or IDR2 submission in accordance with the relevant Scheme Law; and
- (d) the Supplier shall ensure that no individual Registered Medical Practitioner has involvement in more than one stage of an Application (stages in respect of an Application being the initial Application, any IDR1 submission and any IDR2 submission). For clarity, the Supplier must ensure that:
  - (i) the Registered Medical Practitioner responsible for the initial Decision in respect of an Application has no involvement in any IDR1 or IDR2 process connected to that Application; and

- (ii) the Registered Medical Practitioner responsible for the process described at (b) above in respect of any IDR1 process is not responsible for any subsequent connected IDR2 process.

9.3 The Supplier shall provide any assistance requested by the Buyer in connection with any investigation or determination by or on behalf of the Pensions Ombudsman.

## **10 Handling Customer Enquiries**

10.1 This paragraph concerns the process whereby the Supplier shall receive customer enquiries in connection with the Medical Service.

10.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall receive enquiries during Working Hours relevant to the Medical Service from individuals and organisations in the following formats:
  - (i) in writing – via post or email;
  - (ii) by telephone; and
  - (iii) by electronic means;
- (b) the Supplier shall, on receiving an enquiry pursuant to (a) above, either:
  - (i) respond to and resolve such enquiry within 5 (5) Working Days using the most appropriate format as listed in (a)(i) –(iii) above having regard for:
    - (A) the means by which the enquiry was received; and
    - (B) the Key Performance Indicators as set out in Schedule 10 (Service Levels).
  - (ii) where necessary or appropriate, redirect the enquiry back to the Buyer;
- (c) where the Supplier receives a complaint directly from an individual or organisation the Supplier shall:
  - (i) communicate such complaint to the Buyer within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt;
  - (ii) investigate the complaint within no more than five (5) Working Days of receipt; and
  - (iii) report the results of the investigation to the Buyer within no more than ten (10) Working Days of receiving the complaint,

and the Supplier shall not take any further step to resolve such complaint unless instructed to do so by the Buyer; and



- (d) the Supplier shall, following an Applicant or an Applicant's Connected Person requesting copies of medical evidence held by the Supplier:
  - (i) assess the medical evidence in its possession, removing any item of evidence which contains any Harmful Information; and
  - (ii) provide to the Applicant (within ten (10) Working Days of the relevant request) copies of the medical evidence in the Supplier's possession that has been assessed as containing no Harmful Information.

## **11 Provision of reports to the Buyer**

- 11.1 This paragraph concerns the provision of regular reports to the Buyer relevant to the Medical Service.
- 11.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows: the Supplier shall provide reports to the Buyer as required by and defined in Appendix A (Service and Performance Management Information).

## **12 Provision of Information to the Buyer**

- 12.1 This paragraph concerns the provision of information to the Buyer relevant to the Medical Service.
- 12.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:
  - (a) the Supplier shall provide all information requested by the Buyer in order to allow the Buyer to respond to enquiries relevant to the Medical Service, including (but not limited) responses to:
    - (i) enquiries from Applicants (or any Connected Person in respect of an Applicant);
    - (ii) FOIA requests;
    - (iii) Data Subject Access Requests;
    - (iv) ministerial or parliamentary enquiries;
    - (v) enquiries of the Department of Health and Social Care;
    - (vi) the Pensions Ombudsman; and
    - (vii) the Pensions Advisory Service; and
  - (b) the Supplier shall ensure that all Decisions, Advice and any supporting rationale delivered to the Buyer pursuant to this Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall:
    - (i) be legible;
    - (ii) be written in clear, unambiguous language and as far as reasonably practicable be free of medical jargon;

- (iii) clearly refer to and consider all available evidence;
  - (iv) reflect the consensus of published evidence and opinion (or else clearly explain why this is not the case);
  - (v) give full consideration of all potential outcomes; and
  - (vi) where relevant give cogent reasons for not accepting professional advice or opinions advanced as part of or as a result of an Application or IDR referral; and
- (c) the Supplier shall, when providing information pursuant to paragraph 11.2(a), identify to the Buyer any such information that is Harmful Information.

### **13 Managing Documents**

13.1 This paragraph concerns the process of managing, scanning, storing and transporting documents used in the provision of the Medical Service.

13.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall scan all paper documents on receipt and shall:
  - (i) store electronic copies of all such documents in accordance with all relevant Laws which are accurate, complete and legible;
  - (ii) dispose of all paper originals within three (3) months of receiving them (except where the Buyer or the Supplier are required by Law to retain such paper original documents);
- (b) the Supplier shall ensure that the creation or receipt date of any documents in connection with the Services (including any scans created pursuant to (a) above) is preserved and easily discernible; and
- (c) the Supplier shall maintain the capability to securely receive and transport documents as and when required, but preference is for all information to be communicated via the online portal.

### **14 Compliance and Pensions Board audit**

14.1 This paragraph concerns compliance by the Supplier with Laws and the audit and internal control requirements of the Pensions Board.

14.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall ensure that the Services take account of and comply with all applicable Laws;
- (b) the Supplier shall comply with the guidance published by The Pensions Regulator entitled "Code of Practice 14: Governance and administration of public service pension schemes" (or any replacement guidance issued by The Pensions Regulator or a successor body) as amended from time to time;

- (c) the Supplier shall provide all co-operation and assistance required in respect of any review required to comply with:
  - (i) this Schedule and the Contract generally;
  - (ii) any relevant Law;
  - (iii) the guidance described in paragraph 13.2(a) above; and
  - (iv) all requirements of and instructions by the Pensions Board; and
- (d) the Supplier shall have in place adequate internal controls as reasonably required by the Buyer in order to deliver the Services and
- (e) shall demonstrate such internal controls in performance of the Services.

## **15 Supplier Quality Assurance**

15.1 This paragraph concerns the requirement for the Supplier to provide assurance to both itself and the Buyer of the quality of Decisions and Advice provided to the Buyer.

15.2 The scope of this element of the Services is as follows:

- (a) the Supplier shall in respect of each Service Period select a Test Sample of Decisions and Advice provided pursuant to this Schedule for quality assurance purposes;
- (b) the Supplier shall ensure that a re-assessment of each of the Applications and IDR referrals making up the Test Sample is undertaken within five (5) Working Days of the end of each Service Period, and ensure that:
  - (i) each Application and each IDR referral is re-assessed by a different Registered Medical Practitioner to that used for the initial assessment;
  - (ii) any Decision and any Advice (as relevant), in addition to any supporting rationale, produced as a result of the initial assessment is not available to the Registered Medical Practitioner performing any re-assessment pursuant to this paragraph 15.2; and
  - (iii) where there is any discrepancy between the initial assessment of the Application or IDR referral and the re-assessment carried out pursuant to this paragraph 15, such discrepancy shall be notified to the Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (c) the Supplier shall report the results of each re-assessment carried out pursuant to the Quality Audit Report detailed in paragraph 3 of Appendix A.

## Appendix A

### Service and Performance Management Information

Report Title	Description/Purpose	Frequency of report	Time period of report	Format
1.Performance report	Report of all Medical Service performance including:  a) performance against Key Performance Indicators; b) clerical errors; c) complaints; d) volumetric data; e) risks and issues; and f) incident management.	MI to be available in real-time.	For the previous calendar month	Self-service online portal downloadable
2.Statistical and demographic report	An annual report that provides a summary of Supplier performance, outcomes, volumetrics, statistical, diagnostic and demographic information relating to the period from 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> March each year.	Annually – provided by 30 <sup>th</sup> June following the end of the relevant Financial Year	For the previous Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Self-service online portal downloadable
3.Quality audit report	A monthly report that provides assurance of the level of quality of Medical Services administration and medical assessments.	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month	Self-service online portal downloadable
4.Financial report	A monthly report that provides a breakdown of charges and fees.	Monthly – shall be provided within	For the previous calendar month	Self-service online portal downloadable

		five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month		
5. Aged outstanding Applications report	A monthly report that shows outstanding Applications and the length of time those Applications have been outstanding.	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month	Self-service online portal downloadable
6. FME Report	A report detailing all FME obtained or requested by the Supplier in the previous quarter presented in such format as the Buyer reasonably requires	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month	Self-service online portal downloadable

## **Appendix B**

### **Role and duties of the Senior Medical Officer**

#### **1 Role of the Senior Medical Officer**

- 1.1 The Supplier shall procure that a Senior Medical Officer (as described in paragraph 4.2(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 2) shall be available to the Supplier (and where relevant, the Buyer) in order to perform the role and duties described in paragraph 4 and this Appendix B as required throughout the Term.
- 1.2 The Senior Medical Officer shall possess the qualifications, training and experience to perform the role and duties of:
- (a) a Registered Medical Practitioner; and
  - (b) the Senior Medical Officer,
- and shall maintain such qualifications, training and experience throughout the Term.
- 1.3 The Senior Medical Officer shall be a member of Key Personnel and as such shall be identified in the table set out in Annex 1 of Schedule 29 (Key Supplier Staff).

#### **2 Clinical assurance and governance**

- 2.1 The Senior Medical Officer shall be the clinical lead of the Supplier in respect of the Services and as such shall:
- (a) be the first point of contact for Registered Medical Practitioners while they are performing the Services, in order to ensure:
    - (i) robust clinical governance;
    - (ii) forensic oversight; and
    - (iii) adequate/appropriate supervision;
  - (b) ensure that adequate and appropriate structures, systems and processes are in place and managed in order to ensure the quality, accountability and management of the Medical Service; and
  - (c) promote and maintain demonstrable and transparent responsibility and accountability in the following areas, whilst maintaining a constant dynamic of improvement:
    - (i) clinical effectiveness;

- (ii) user experience; and
- (iii) safety and regulatory compliance.

2.2 The Senior Medical Officer shall ensure that adequate and appropriate structures, systems and processes are in place and managed in order to provide assurance that the Services are being provided in compliance with all relevant and applicable Laws.

### **3 Clinical governance strategy**

3.1 The Senior Medical Officer shall manage and be accountable for a clinical governance strategy which is capable of demonstrating that appropriate infrastructure is in place to monitor and feedback across all clinical and corporate governance activities, ensuring an integrated model of governance is delivered (**Clinical Governance Strategy**). The Clinical Governance Strategy shall as a minimum include the following:

- (a) a governance framework that will ensure the Services are up to date, and are provided in accordance with changes to clinical practice;
- (b) a process for reporting to the Buyer any Supplier deviation from agreed clinical guidance. Such reports shall:
  - (i) be in writing;
  - (ii) be sent to the Buyer as soon as reasonably possible; and
  - (iii) shall include any reasons for the deviation and (where relevant) details of any remedial action plans;
- (c) a process for the monitoring and continual improvement of quality of service through a risk management and auditing regime;
- (d) a process for ensuring the creation and maintenance of appropriate and accurate records by Registered Medical Practitioners, such process ensuring satisfactory audit trails are in place for clinical governance purposes;
- (e) a process for ensuring the provision and documenting of appropriate recruitment, induction, regular clinical supervision, assessments and appraisals in respect of Registered Medical Practitioners (or, in the case of recruitment, potential Registered Medical Practitioners);
- (f) a process for continuous competency assessment including registration and revalidation of appropriate professional qualifications and memberships;
- (g) a process for ensuring the prompt reporting, analysis and actioning of incidents, serious incidents and complaints (including an appropriate and effective escalation process).

## **4 Leadership**

- 4.1 The Senior Medical Officer shall provide robust and professional overall clinical leadership, and shall provide an appropriate level of support to the Registered Medical Practitioners.



## Schedule 3 (Charges)

### 1. How Charges are calculated

#### 1.1 The Charges:

- 1.1.1 shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of this Schedule;
- 1.1.2 cannot be increased except as specifically permitted by this Schedule and in particular shall only be subject to Indexation where specifically stated in the Award Form.

- 1.2 Any variation to the Charges payable under a Contract must be agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer and implemented using the procedure set out in this Schedule.

### 2. The pricing mechanisms

- 2.1 The pricing mechanisms and prices set out in Annex 1 shall be available for use in calculation of Charges in the Contract.

### 3. Are costs and expenses included in the Charges

- 3.1 Except as expressly set out in Paragraph 5 below, or otherwise stated in the Award Form the Charges shall include all costs and expenses relating to the provision of Deliverables. No further amounts shall be payable in respect of matters such as:
  - 3.1.1 incidental expenses such as travel, subsistence and lodging, document or report reproduction, shipping, desktop or office equipment costs, network or data interchange costs or other telecommunications charges; or
  - 3.1.2 costs incurred prior to the commencement of the Contract.

### 4. When the Supplier can ask to change the Charges

- 4.1 The Charges will be fixed for the first year following the Start Date (the date of expiry of such period is a "**Review Date**"). After this Charges can only be adjusted on each following yearly anniversary (the date of each such anniversary is also a "**Review Date**").
- 4.2 The Supplier shall give the Buyer at least three (3) Months' notice in writing prior to a Review Date where it wants to request an increase. If the Supplier does not give notice in time then it will only be able to request an increase prior to the next Review Date.
- 4.3 Any notice requesting an increase shall include:
  - 4.3.1 a list of the Charges to be reviewed;

4.3.2 for each of the Charges under review, written evidence of the justification for the requested increase including:

- a) a breakdown of the profit and cost components that comprise the relevant part of the Charges;
- b) details of the movement in the different identified cost components of the relevant Charge;
- c) reasons for the movement in the different identified cost components of the relevant Charge;
- d) evidence that the Supplier has attempted to mitigate against the increase in the relevant cost components; and
- e) evidence that the Supplier's profit component of the relevant Charge is no greater than that applying to Charges using the same pricing mechanism as at the Start Date.

4.4 The Buyer shall consider each request for a price increase. The Buyer may grant Approval to an increase at its sole discretion.

4.5 Where the Buyer approves an increase then it will be implemented from the first (1st) Working Day following the relevant Review Date or such later date as the Buyer may determine at its sole discretion and Annex 1 shall be updated accordingly.

## **5. Other events that allow the Supplier to change the Charges**

5.1 The Charges can also be varied (and Annex 1 will be updated accordingly) due to:

- 5.1.1 a Specific Change in Law in accordance with Clauses 28.6 to 28.8;
- 5.1.2 a benchmarking review in accordance with Schedule 12 (Benchmarking)];
- 5.1.3 a request from the Supplier, which it can make at any time, to decrease the Charges;
- 5.1.4 indexation, where Annex 1 states that a particular Charge or any component is "subject to Indexation" in which event Paragraph 7 below shall apply; and

## **6. Other events that allow the Supplier to change the Charges**

6.1 Where the Charges are stated to be "subject to Indexation" they shall be adjusted in line with changes in the Average Weekly Earnings measure (as determined by the Office for National Statistics). All other costs, expenses, fees and charges shall not be adjusted to take account of any inflation, change to exchange rate, change to interest rate or any other factor or element which might otherwise increase the cost to the Supplier.

6.2 Charges shall not be indexed during the first year following the Start Date.

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6.3 Where Annex 1 states a Charge is subject to Indexation then it will be applied annually on the 23rd of July. The first indexation will be applied from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2025 and subsequent indexations will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July in each subsequent year (each such date a Review Date).

6.4 Where indexation applies the relevant adjustment shall be:

a) determined by increasing or decreasing the relevant amount or sum by the percentage change in the index.

b) calculated by using the published index for the 12 months ended on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July annually, immediately preceding the relevant Review Date.

The following Average Weekly Earnings in Great Britain index will apply to the Charges <https://www.ons.gov.uk/averageweeklyearningsinGreat Britain>

A worked example of the calculation (using the figures from the ONS Average weekly earnings in Great Britain (AWE) to be used if the first Review Date was July 2023: -

Fig A - AWE figure for month ending April 2022 = £604

Fig B - AWE figure for month ending April 2023 = £651

Fig C – Fig B – Fig A = £47

Fig D – (Figure C/Figure A) x 100 = 7.78%

Adjusted Charge = Cost of Application + (7.78% x Cost of the Application)

6.5 Where the Average Weekly Earnings index:

6.5.1 is used to calculate the adjustment at Review Date that figure will be used as the baseline to calculate the following years adjustment.

6.5.2 is no longer published, the Buyer and the Supplier shall agree a fair and reasonable replacement that will have substantially the same effect.

## **7. When you will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence**

7.1 Expenses shall only be recoverable where:

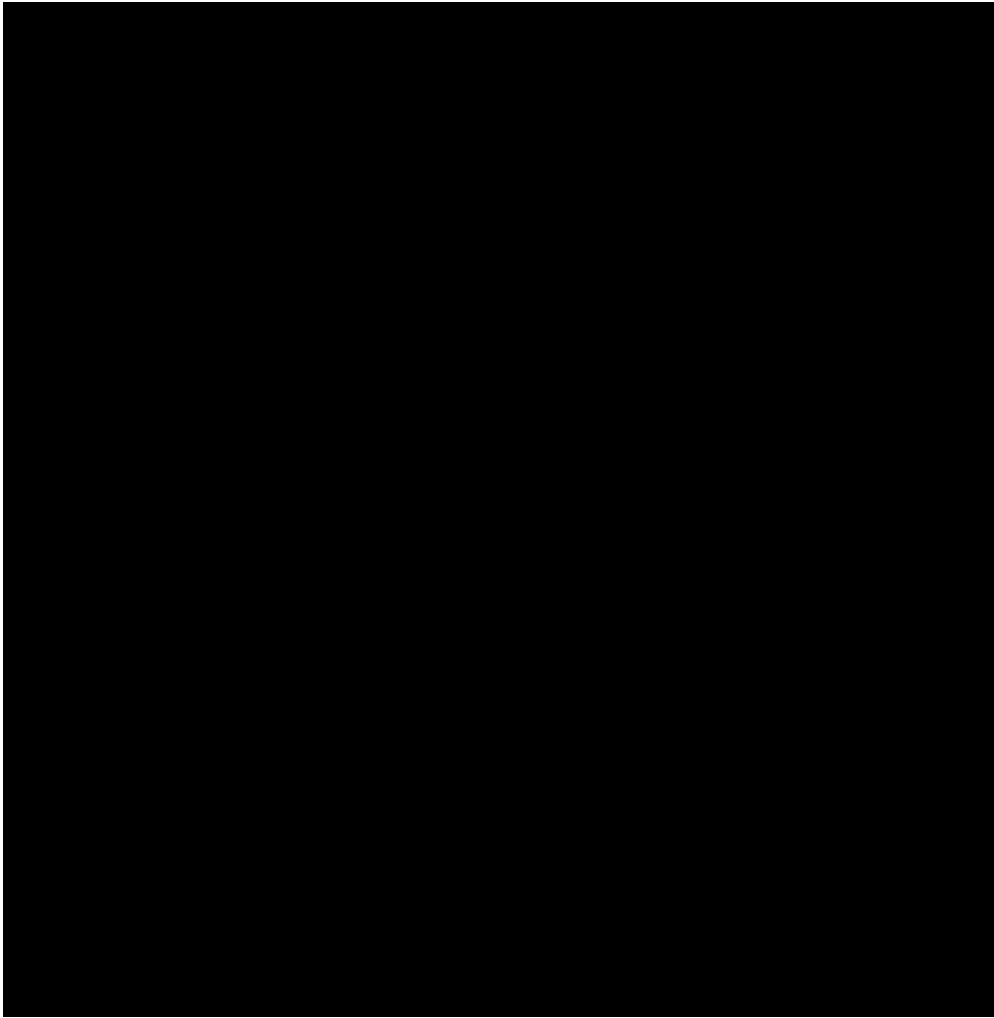
7.1.1 the Time and Materials pricing mechanism is used; and

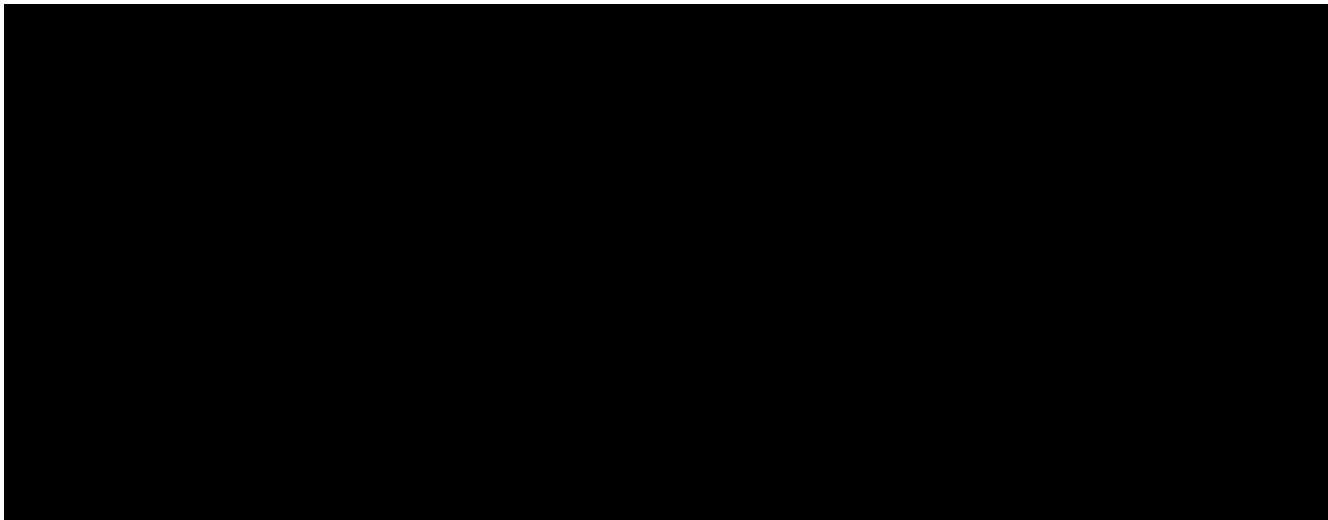
7.1.2 the Award Form states that recovery is permitted; and

7.1.3 they are Reimbursable Expenses and are supported by Supporting Documentation.

7.2 The Buyer shall provide a copy of their current expenses policy to the Supplier upon request.

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#### Table 2: Service Credits Mechanism

1.1 As set out in Schedule 10 (Service Levels), all Service Credits shall be calculated by reference to the number of Service Points accrued in any one Service Period.

1.2 For each Service Period:

- a) Each Service Point accrued in that Service Period shall have a value according to the following formula:

SPV = The value in pounds sterling of each Service Point

SCC = Service Credit Cap

N = 240

$$SPV = \frac{SCC}{N}$$

- b) The total amount of Service Credit applicable for the Service Period shall be calculated according to the following formula:

TSP = Total Service Points that have been accrued for the relevant Service Period

SPV = The value of each Service Point in pounds sterling accrued for the relevant Service Period calculated

TSP x SPV = Service Credit

## Schedule 5 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

### 1. What is the Commercially Sensitive Information?

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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 Award Form (which shall be deemed incorporated into the table below).
- 1.3 Without prejudice to the Buyer's obligation to disclose Information in accordance with FOIA or Clause 20 (When you can share information), the Buyer will, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, seek to apply the relevant exemption set out in the FOIA to the following Information:

No.	Date	Item(s)	Duration of Confidentiality
1	29/11/2023	Information set out in Schedule 4 – Tender.	10 years
2	29/11/2023	Information set out in Schedule 3 – Charges.	10 years
3	29/11/2023	Policies and procedures	10 years
4	29/11/2023	Quality Management and Clinical Governance Structure & Team Structures	10 years

## Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>“Admission Agreement”</b>	as defined in Part D;
<b>"Employee Liability"</b>	<p>all claims, actions, proceedings, orders, demands, complaints, investigations (save for any claims for personal injury which are covered by insurance) and any award, compensation, damages, tribunal awards, fine, loss, order, penalty, disbursement, payment made by way of settlement and costs, expenses and legal costs reasonably incurred in connection with a claim or investigation including in relation to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) redundancy payments including contractual or enhanced redundancy costs, termination costs and notice payments;</li><li>(b) unfair, wrongful or constructive dismissal compensation;</li><li>(c) compensation for discrimination on grounds of sex, race, disability, age, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation or claims for equal pay;</li><li>(d) compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed term employees;</li><li>(e) outstanding debts and unlawful deduction of wages including any PAYE and National Insurance Contributions in relation to payments made by the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier to a Transferring Supplier Employee which would have been payable by the Supplier or the Subcontractor if such payment should have been made prior to the Service Transfer Date and also</li></ul>



including any payments arising in respect of pensions;

- (f) claims whether in tort, contract or statute or otherwise;

any investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or other enforcement, regulatory or supervisory body and of implementing any requirements which may arise from such investigation;

**“Fair Deal Employees”**

as defined in Part D;

**"Former Supplier"**

a supplier supplying the Services to the Buyer before the Relevant Transfer Date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Services (or any part of the Services) and shall include any subcontractor of such supplier (or any subcontractor of any such subcontractor);

**“New Fair Deal”**

the revised Fair Deal position set out in the HM Treasury guidance: *“Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government”* issued in October 2013 including:

- (a) any amendments to that document immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date;
- (b) any similar pension protection in accordance with the Annexes D1-D3 inclusive to Part D of this Schedule as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer;

**“Notified Subcontractor”**

a Subcontractor identified in the Annex to this Schedule to whom Transferring Buyer Employees and/or Transferring Former Supplier Employees will transfer on a Relevant Transfer Date;

**“Old Fair Deal”**

HM Treasury Guidance *“Staff Transfers from Central Government: A Fair Deal for Staff Pensions”* issued in June 1999 including the supplementary guidance *“Fair Deal for Staff pensions: Procurement of Bulk Transfer Agreements and Related Issues”* issued in June 2004;

<b>"Partial Termination"</b>	the partial termination of the relevant Contract to the extent that it relates to the provision of any part of the Services as further provided for in Clause 14.4 (When the Buyer can end this contract) or 14.6 (When the Supplier can end the contract);
<b>"Replacement Subcontractor"</b>	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);
<b>"Relevant Transfer"</b>	a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies;
<b>"Relevant Transfer Date"</b>	in relation to a Relevant Transfer, the date upon which the Relevant Transfer takes place, and for the purposes of Part D and its Annexes, where the Supplier or a Subcontractor was the Former Supplier and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Supplier (or Subcontractor), references to the Relevant Transfer Date shall become references to the Start Date;
<b>"Service Transfer"</b>	any transfer of the Services (or any part of the Services), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;
<b>"Service Transfer Date"</b>	the date of a Service Transfer or, if more than one, the date of the relevant Service Transfer as the context requires;
<b>"Staffing Information"</b>	in relation to all persons identified on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List or Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List, as the case may be, , all information required in Annex E2 ( <i>Table of Staffing Information</i> ) in the format specified and with the identities of Data Subjects anonymised where possible. The Buyer may acting reasonably make changes to the format or information requested in Annex E2 from time to time.
<b>"Statutory Schemes"</b>	means the CSPA, NHSPA or LGPS as defined in the Annexes to Part D of this Schedule;

<b>"Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List"</b>	a list provided by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff whose will transfer under the Employment Regulations on the Service Transfer Date;
<b>"Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List"</b>	a list prepared and updated by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff who are at the date of the list wholly or mainly engaged in or assigned to the provision of the Services or any relevant part of the Services which it is envisaged as at the date of such list will no longer be provided by the Supplier;
<b>"Transferring Buyer Employees"</b>	those employees of the Buyer to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date; and
<b>"Transferring Former Supplier Employees"</b>	in relation to a Former Supplier, those employees of the Former Supplier to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date.
<b>"Transferring Supplier Employees"</b>	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date.

## **2. Interpretation**

Where a provision in this Schedule imposes any obligation on the Supplier including to comply with a requirement or provide an indemnity, undertaking or warranty, the Supplier shall procure that each of its Subcontractors shall comply with such obligation and provide such indemnity, undertaking or warranty to the Buyer, Former Supplier, Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor, as the case may be and where the Subcontractor fails to satisfy any claims under such indemnities the Supplier will be liable for satisfying any such claim as if it had provided the indemnity itself.

## **3. Which parts of this Schedule apply**

Only the following parts of this Schedule may apply to this Contract:

Part B (Staff Transfer At Start Date – Transfer From Former Supplier)

3.1 Part E (Staff Transfer on Exit)

3.1.1 Annex E1 (List of Notified Subcontractors)

3.1.2 Annex E2 (Staffing Information)

## **Part B: Staff transfer at the Start Date**

### **Transfer from a Former Supplier on Re-procurement**

#### **1. What is a relevant transfer**

1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier agree that:

1.1.1 the commencement of the provision of the Services or of any relevant part of the Services will be a Relevant Transfer in relation to the Transferring Former Supplier Employees; and

1.1.2 as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, the contracts of employment between each Former Supplier and the Transferring Former Supplier Employees (except in relation to any terms disapplied through the operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) shall have effect on and from the Relevant Transfer Date as if originally made between the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor and each such Transferring Former Supplier Employee.

1.2 The Buyer shall procure that each Former Supplier shall comply with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Former Supplier Employees in respect of the period up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions which in any case are attributable in whole or in part in respect of the period up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date) and the Supplier shall make, and the Buyer shall procure that each Former Supplier makes, any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments.

#### **2. Indemnities given by the Former Supplier**

2.1 Subject to Paragraph 2.2, the Buyer shall procure that each Former Supplier shall indemnify the Supplier and any Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:

2.1.1 any act or omission by the Former Supplier in respect of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee arising before the Relevant Transfer Date;

2.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Former Supplier arising before the Relevant Transfer Date of:

a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Former Supplier Employees; and/or

- b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Former Supplier Employees which the Former Supplier is contractually bound to honour;
  - 2.1.3 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
    - a) in relation to any Transferring Former Supplier Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising before the Relevant Transfer Date; and
    - b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Former Supplier Employee and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Former Supplier to the Supplier and/or any Notified Subcontractor as appropriate, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations in respect of the period to (but excluding) the Relevant Transfer Date;
  - 2.1.4 a failure of the Former Supplier to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Former Supplier Employees in respect of the period to (but excluding) the Relevant Transfer Date;
  - 2.1.5 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Former Supplier other than a Transferring Former Supplier Employee for whom it is alleged the Supplier and/or any Notified Subcontractor as appropriate may be liable by virtue of this Contract and/or the Employment Regulations; and
  - 2.1.6 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Former Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Former Supplier in relation to its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the failure by the Supplier or any Subcontractor to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including, without limitation, any Employee Liabilities:
  - 2.2.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date on account of substantial

detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor to occur in the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date; or

- 2.2.2 arising from the failure by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5, if any employee of a Former Supplier who is not identified as a Transferring Former Supplier Employee and claims, and/or it is determined, in relation to such person that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from a Former Supplier to the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations then:
  - 2.3.1 the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact notify the Buyer and the relevant Former Supplier in writing; and
  - 2.3.2 the Former Supplier may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person, or take such other steps as it considers appropriate to resolve the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with applicable Law, within 15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Supplier;
  - 2.3.3 if such offer of employment is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Former Supplier and/or the Buyer, the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall immediately release the person from its employment;
  - 2.3.4 if after the period referred to in Paragraph 2.3.2:
    - a) no such offer has been made;
    - b) such offer has been made but not accepted; or
    - c) The situation has not otherwise been resolvedthe Supplier and/or any Subcontractor may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person;and subject to the Supplier's compliance with Paragraphs 2.3.1 to 2.3.4 the Buyer shall procure that the Former Supplier will indemnify the Supplier and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Former Supplier's employees referred to in Paragraph 2.3 provided that the Supplier takes, or shall procure that the Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.
- 2.4 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.3:
  - 2.4.1 shall not apply to:
    - a) any claim for:
      - (i) for discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or

- (ii) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees, arising as a result of any alleged act or omission of the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor; or
  - b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Supplier and/or Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure; and
- 2.4.2 shall not apply to any termination of employment occurring later than 6 Months from the Relevant Transfer Date.
- 2.5 If the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor at any point accept the employment of any person as is described in Paragraph 2.3, such person shall be treated as having transferred to the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor and the Supplier shall comply with such obligations as may be imposed upon it under applicable Law.

### **3. Indemnities the Supplier must give and its obligations**

- 3.1 Subject to Paragraph 3.2, the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer, and the Former Supplier against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
- 3.1.1 any act or omission by the Supplier or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
  - 3.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Supplier or any Subcontractor on or after the Relevant Transfer Date of:
    - a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Former Supplier Employee; and/or
    - b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Former Supplier Employees which the Supplier or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
  - 3.1.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Former Supplier Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Supplier or a Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
  - 3.1.4 any proposal by the Supplier or a Subcontractor prior to the Relevant Transfer Date to make changes to the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Former Supplier Employees to their material detriment on or after their transfer to the Supplier or a Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Relevant Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person who would have been a Transferring Former Supplier Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the

- Employment Regulations) before the Relevant Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
- 3.1.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Supplier or a Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Former Supplier Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier in writing;
- 3.1.6 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
- a) in relation to any Transferring Former Supplier Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date; and
  - b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Former Supplier Employee, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Former Supplier to the Supplier or a Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by the HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
- 3.1.7 a failure of the Supplier or any Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Former Supplier Employees in respect of the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date;
- 3.1.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Former Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the Former Supplier's failure to comply with its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations; and
- 3.1.9 a failure by the Supplier or any Subcontractor to comply with its obligations under Paragraph 2.8 above
- 3.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 3.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Former Supplier whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including any Employee Liabilities arising from the Former Supplier's failure to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.



- 3.3 The Supplier shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations (including without limitation its obligation to inform and consult in accordance with regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations) and shall perform and discharge, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Former Supplier Employees, on and from the Relevant Transfer Date including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and all such sums due under the Admission Agreement which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between the Supplier and the Former Supplier.

#### **4. Information the Supplier must give**

The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide to the Buyer and/or at the Buyer's direction, the Former Supplier, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Buyer shall procure that the Former Supplier shall promptly provide to the Supplier and each Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and any Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

#### **5. Cabinet Office requirements**

- 5.1 The Supplier shall comply with any requirement notified to it by the Buyer relating to pensions in respect of any Transferring Former Supplier Employee as set down in
- 5.1.1 the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice on Staff Transfers in the Public Sector of January 2000, revised December 2013;
  - 5.1.2 Old Fair Deal; and/or
  - 5.1.3 the New Fair Deal.
- 5.2 Any changes embodied in any statement of practice, paper or other guidance that replaces any of the documentation referred to in Paragraph 5.1 shall be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

#### **6. Limits on the Former Supplier's obligations**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part B, where in this Part B the Buyer accepts an obligation to procure that a Former Supplier does or does not do something, such obligation shall be limited so that it extends only to the extent that the Buyer's contract with the Former Supplier contains a contractual right in that regard which the Buyer may enforce, or otherwise so that it requires only that the Buyer's must use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Former Supplier does or does not act accordingly.

## **7. Pensions**

- 7.1 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with:
  - 7.1.1 the requirements of Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2008, section 258 of the Pensions Act 2004 and the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations 2005 for all transferring staff; and
  - 7.1.2 the provisions in Part D: Pensions (and its Annexes) to this Staff Transfer Schedule.

## Part E: Staff Transfer on Exit

### 1. Obligations before a Staff Transfer

- 1.1 The Supplier agrees that within 20 Working Days of the earliest of:
  - 1.1.1 receipt of a notification from the Buyer of a Service Transfer or intended Service Transfer;
  - 1.1.2 receipt of the giving of notice of early termination or any Partial Termination of the relevant Contract;
  - 1.1.3 the date which is 12 Months before the end of the Term; and
  - 1.1.4 receipt of a written request of the Buyer at any time (provided that the Buyer shall only be entitled to make one such request in any 6 Month period),it shall provide in a suitably anonymised format so as to comply with the Data Protection Legislation, the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List, together with the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List and it shall provide an updated Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List at such intervals as are reasonably requested by the Buyer.
- 1.2 At least 20 Working Days prior to the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or at the direction of the Buyer to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor
  - 1.2.1 the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List, which shall identify the basis upon which they are Transferring Supplier Employees and
  - 1.2.2 the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List (insofar as such information has not previously been provided).
- 1.3 The Buyer shall be permitted to use and disclose information provided by the Supplier under Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 for the purpose of informing any prospective Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 1.4 The Supplier warrants, for the benefit of The Buyer, any Replacement Supplier, and any Replacement Subcontractor that all information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 shall be true and accurate in all material respects at the time of providing the information.
- 1.5 From the date of the earliest event referred to in Paragraphs 1.1.1 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, the Supplier agrees that it shall not assign any person to the provision of the Services who is not listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List and shall, unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer (acting reasonably):
  - 1.5.1 not replace or re-deploy any Supplier Staff listed on the Supplier Provisional Supplier Staff List other than where any replacement is of equivalent grade, skills, experience and expertise and is employed on

- the same terms and conditions of employment as the person he/she replaces
- 1.5.2 not make, promise, propose, permit or implement any material changes to the terms and conditions of (i) employment and/or (ii) pensions, retirement and death benefits (including not to make pensionable any category of earnings which were not previously pensionable or reduce the pension contributions payable) of the Supplier Staff (including any payments connected with the termination of employment);
  - 1.5.3 not increase the proportion of working time spent on the Services (or the relevant part of the Services) by any of the Supplier Staff save for fulfilling assignments and projects previously scheduled and agreed;
  - 1.5.4 not introduce any new contractual or customary practice concerning the making of any lump sum payment on the termination of employment of any employees listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List;
  - 1.5.5 not increase or reduce the total number of employees so engaged, or deploy any other person to perform the Services (or the relevant part of the Services);
  - 1.5.6 not terminate or give notice to terminate the employment or contracts of any persons on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List save by due disciplinary process;
  - 1.5.7 not dissuade or discourage any employees engaged in the provision of the Services from transferring their employment to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor;
  - 1.5.8 give the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor reasonable access to Supplier Staff and/or their consultation representatives to inform them of the intended transfer and consult any measures envisaged by the Buyer, Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor in respect of persons expected to be Transferring Supplier Employees;
  - 1.5.9 co-operate with the Buyer and the Replacement Supplier to ensure an effective consultation process and smooth transfer in respect of Transferring Supplier Employees in line with good employee relations and the effective continuity of the Services, and to allow for participation in any pension arrangements to be put in place to comply with New Fair Deal;
  - 1.5.10 promptly notify the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and any Replacement Subcontractor of any notice to terminate employment given by the Supplier or received from any persons listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Staff List regardless of when such notice takes effect;
  - 1.5.11 not for a period of 12 Months from the Service Transfer Date re-employ or re-engage or entice any employees, suppliers or Subcontractors whose employment or engagement is transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer (acting reasonably));

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- 1.5.12 not to adversely affect pension rights accrued by all and any Fair Deal Employees in the period ending on the Service Transfer Date;
  - 1.5.13 fully fund any Broadly Comparable pension schemes set up by the Supplier;
  - 1.5.14 maintain such documents and information as will be reasonably required to manage the pension aspects of any onward transfer of any person engaged or employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor in the provision of the Services on the expiry or termination of this Contract (including identification of the Fair Deal Employees);
  - 1.5.15 promptly provide to the Buyer such documents and information mentioned in Paragraph 3.1.1 of Part D: Pensions which the Buyer may reasonably request in advance of the expiry or termination of this Contract; and
  - 1.5.16 fully co-operate (and procure that the trustees of any Broadly Comparable pension scheme shall fully co-operate) with the reasonable requests of the Supplier relating to any administrative tasks necessary to deal with the pension aspects of any onward transfer of any person engaged or employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor in the provision of the Services on the expiry or termination of this Contract.
- 1.6 On or around each anniversary of the Start Date and up to four times during the last 12 Months of the Term, the Buyer may make written requests to the Supplier for information relating to the manner in which the Services are organised. Within 20 Working Days of receipt of a written request the Supplier shall provide such information as the Buyer may reasonably require which shall include:
- 1.6.1 the numbers of employees engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.2 the percentage of time spent by each employee engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.3 the extent to which each employee qualifies for membership of any of the Fair Deal Schemes (as defined in Part D: Pensions); and
  - 1.6.4 a description of the nature of the work undertaken by each employee by location.
- 1.7 The Supplier shall provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance to the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to ensure the smooth transfer of the Transferring Supplier Employees on the Service Transfer Date including providing sufficient information in advance of the Service Transfer Date to ensure that all necessary payroll arrangements can be made to enable the Transferring Supplier Employees to be paid as appropriate. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, within 5 Working Days following the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate), in respect of each

person on the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List who is a Transferring Supplier Employee:

- 1.7.1 the most recent month's copy pay slip data;
- 1.7.2 details of cumulative pay for tax and pension purposes;
- 1.7.3 details of cumulative tax paid;
- 1.7.4 tax code;
- 1.7.5 details of any voluntary deductions from pay; and
- 1.7.6 bank/building society account details for payroll purposes.

## **2. Staff Transfer when the contract ends**

- 2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that subsequent to the commencement of the provision of the Services, the identity of the provider of the Services (or any part of the Services) may change (whether as a result of termination or Partial Termination of this Contract or otherwise) resulting in the Services being undertaken by a Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor. Such change in the identity of the supplier of such services may constitute a Relevant Transfer to which the Employment Regulations will apply. The Buyer and the Supplier further agree that, as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, where a Relevant Transfer occurs, the contracts of employment between the Supplier and the Transferring Supplier Employees (except in relation to any contract terms disapplied through operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) will have effect on and from the Service Transfer Date as if originally made between the Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) and each such Transferring Supplier Employee
- 2.2 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Supplier Employees arising under the Employment Regulations in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date and shall perform and discharge, and procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Supplier Employees arising in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date (including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and all such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period ending on (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between: (i) the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate); and (ii) the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.4, the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:

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- 2.3.1 any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date.
- 2.3.2 the breach or non-observance by the Supplier or any Subcontractor occurring on or before the Service Transfer Date of:
  - a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees; and/or
  - b) any other custom or practice with a trade union or staff association in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees which the Supplier or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
- 2.3.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Supplier or a Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;
- 2.3.4 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
  - a) in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on and before the Service Transfer Date; and
  - b) in relation to any employee who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier to the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;
- 2.3.5 a failure of the Supplier or any Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date);
- 2.3.6 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor other than a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List for whom it is alleged the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor may be

- liable by virtue of this Contract and/or the Employment Regulations;  
and
- 2.3.7 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in relation to its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the failure by the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.4 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.3 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, Including any Employee Liabilities
- 2.4.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Supplier Employee before the Service Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to occur in the period on or after the Service Transfer Date); or
- 2.4.2 arising from the Replacement Supplier's failure, and/or Replacement Subcontractor's failure, to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
- 2.5 Subject to Paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7, if any employee of the Supplier who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Transferring Supplier Employee List claims, or it is determined in relation to any employees of the Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Supplier to the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations then:
- 2.5.1 the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer and the Supplier in writing;
- 2.5.2 the Supplier may offer employment to such person, or take such other steps as it considered appropriate to resolve the matter, within 15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor or take such other reasonable steps as it considers appropriate to deal with the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with Law;
- 2.5.3 if such offer of employment is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Supplier or a Subcontractor, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor shall immediately release the person from its employment or alleged employment;



2.5.4 if after the period referred to in Paragraph 2.5.2 no such offer has been made, or such offer has been made but not accepted, or the situation has not otherwise been resolved, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment of such person;

and subject to the Replacement Supplier's and/or Replacement Subcontractor's compliance with Paragraphs 2.5.1 to 2.5.4 the Supplier will indemnify the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Supplier's employees referred to in Paragraph 2.5 provided that the Replacement Supplier takes, or shall procure that the Replacement Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.

2.6 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.5 shall not apply to:

2.6.1 any claim for:

a) discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or

b) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees,

arising as a result of any alleged act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor; or

2.6.2 any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure.

2.7 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.5 shall not apply to any termination of employment occurring later than 6 Months from the Service Transfer Date.

2.8 If at any point the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor accepts the employment of any such person as is described in Paragraph 2.5, such person shall be treated as a Transferring Supplier Employee and Paragraph 2.5 shall cease to apply to such person.

2.9 The Supplier shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff list before and on the Service Transfer Date (including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes and any requirement to set up a broadly comparable pension scheme which in any case are attributable in whole or in part in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between:

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- 2.9.1 the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor; and
- 2.9.2 the Replacement Supplier and/or the Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.10 The Supplier shall promptly provide the Buyer and any Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Buyer, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, shall promptly provide to the Supplier and each Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.11 Subject to Paragraph 2.9, the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier indemnifies the Supplier on its own behalf and on behalf of any Replacement Subcontractor and its Subcontractors against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
  - 2.11.1 any act or omission, whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee.
  - 2.11.2 the breach or non-observance by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor on or after the Service Transfer Date of:
    - a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List; and/or
    - b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List which the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
  - 2.11.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List arising from or connected with any failure by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Service Transfer Date;
  - 2.11.4 any proposal by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List on or after their transfer to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Service Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List who would have been a Transferring Supplier Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the

- Employment Regulations) before the Service Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
- 2.11.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List on or before the Service Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Supplier in writing;
- 2.11.6 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
- a) in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date; and
  - b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier or Subcontractor, to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date;
- 2.11.7 a failure of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List in respect of the period from (and including) the Service Transfer Date; and
- 2.11.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Staff List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.12 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.10 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, including any Employee Liabilities arising from the failure by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations, or to the extent the Employee Liabilities arise out of the termination of employment of any person who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier

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Staff List in accordance with Paragraph 2.5 (and subject to the limitations set out in Paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7 above).

## **ANNEX E1: LIST OF NOTIFIED SUBCONTRACTORS**

## **ANNEX E2: STAFFING INFORMATION**

### **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION (ANONYMISED)**

Name of Transferor:

Number of Employees in-scope to transfer:

Completion notes

- 1 *If you have any Key Subcontractors, please complete all the above information for any staff employed by such Key Subcontractor(s) in a separate spreadsheet.*
- 2 *This spreadsheet is used to collect information from the current employer (transferor) about employees performing the relevant services to help plan for a potential TUPE transfer. Some or all of this information may be disclosed to bidders as part of a procurement process. The information should not reveal the employees' identities.*
- 3 *If the information cannot be included on this form, attach the additional information, such as relevant policies, and cross reference to the item number and employee number where appropriate.*

EMPLOYEE DETAILS & KEY TERMS							
Details	Job Title	Grade / band	Work Location	Age	Employment status (for example, employee, fixed-term employee, self-employed, agency worker)?	Continuous service date (dd/mm/yy)	Date employment started with existing employer
Emp No 1							
Emp No 2							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							

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EMPLOYEE DETAILS & KEY TERMS							
Details	Contract end date (if fixed term contract or temporary contract)	Contractual notice period	Contractual weekly hours	Regular overtime hours per week	Mobility or flexibility clause in contract?	Previously TUPE transferred to organisation? If so, please specify (i) date of transfer, (ii) name of transferor, and (iii) whether ex public sector	Any collective agreements?
Emp No 1							
Emp No 2							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							
Emp No							



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	ASSIGNMENT	CONTRACTUAL PAY AND BENEFITS						
Details	% of working time dedicated to the provision of services under the contract	Salary (or hourly rate of pay)	Payment interval (weekly / fortnightly / monthly)	Bonus payment for previous 12 months (please specify whether contractual or discretionary entitlement)	Pay review method	Frequency of pay reviews	Agreed pay increases	Next pay review date
Emp No 1								
Emp No 2								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								

CONTRACTUAL PAY AND BENEFITS								
Details	Any existing or future commitment to training that has a time-off or financial implication	Car allowance (£ per year)	Lease or company car details	Any other allowances paid (e.g. shift allowance, standby allowance, travel allowance)	Private medical insurance (please specify whether single or family cover)	Life assurance (xSalary)	Long Term Disability / PHI (% of Salary)	Any other benefits in kind
Emp No 1								
Emp No 2								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								
Emp No								

CONTRACTUAL PAY AND BENEFITS						
Details	Annual leave entitlement (excluding bank holidays)	Bank holiday entitlement	Method of calculating holiday pay (i.e. based on fixed salary only or incl. entitlements to variable remuneration such as bonuses, allowances, commission or overtime pay?)	Maternity or paternity or shared parental leave entitlement and pay	Sick leave entitlement and pay	Redundancy pay entitlement (statutory / enhanced / contractual / discretionary)
Emp No 1						
Emp No 2						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						

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<b>PENSIONS</b>						
<b>Details</b>	<b>Employee pension contribution rate</b>	<b>Employer pension contribution rate</b>	<b>Please provide the name of the pension scheme and a link to the pension scheme website</b>	<b>Is the scheme an occupational pension scheme as defined in the Pension Schemes Act 1993?</b>	<b>If the scheme is not an occupational pension scheme, what type of scheme is it? E.g. personal pension scheme?</b>	<b>Type of pension provision e.g. defined benefit (CARE or final salary, and whether a public sector scheme e.g. CSPA, NHSPS, LGPS etc. or a broadly comparable scheme) or a defined contribution scheme or an auto enrolment master trust?</b>
<b>Emp No 1</b>						
<b>Emp No 2</b>						
<b>Emp No</b>						
<b>Emp No</b>						
<b>Emp No</b>						
<b>Emp No</b>						
<b>Emp No</b>						

PENSIONS						
Details	If the Employee is in the Local Government Pension Scheme, please supply details of Fund and Administering Authority.	If the Employee is in the Civil Service Pension Scheme, please provide details of the Admission Agreement.	If the Employee is in the NHSPS, please provide details of the Direction Letter.	If the Employee is in a broadly comparable pension scheme, please supply a copy of the GAD certificate of Broad Comparability.	Did Fair Deal or any other similar pension protection for ex-public sector employees apply to the employee when they TUPE transferred into your employment? If so, what was the nature of that protection (e.g. right to participate in a public sector pension scheme, or a broadly comparable scheme, or to bulk transfer past pension service into their current scheme)?	If Fair Deal, Best Value or other pension protection applied, which public sector employer did they originally transfer out of and when?
Emp No 1						
Emp No 2						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						
Emp No						

OTHER			
Details	Security Check Level	Security Clearance Expiry date	Additional info or comments
Emp No 1			
Emp No 2			
Emp No			
Emp No			
Emp No			
Emp No			
Emp No			

## Schedule 8 (Implementation Plan and Testing)

### Part A - Implementation

#### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Delay"</b>	(a)	a delay in the Achievement of a Milestone by its Milestone Date; or
	(b)	a delay in the design, development, testing or implementation of a Deliverable by the relevant date set out in the Implementation Plan;
<b>"Deliverable Item"</b>		an item or feature in the supply of the Deliverables delivered or to be delivered by the Supplier at or before a Milestone Date listed in the Implementation Plan;
<b>"Implementation Period"</b>		has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 7.1;
<b>"Milestone Payment"</b>		a payment identified in the Implementation Plan to be made following the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of Achievement of the relevant Milestone;

#### 2. Agreeing and following the Implementation Plan

- 2.1 A draft of the Implementation Plan is set out in the Annex to this Schedule. The Supplier shall provide a further draft Implementation Plan 10 days after the Start Date.
- 2.2 The draft Implementation Plan:
- 2.2.1 must contain information at the level of detail necessary to manage the implementation stage effectively and as the Buyer may otherwise require; and
  - 2.2.2 it shall take account of all dependencies known to, or which should reasonably be known to, the Supplier.
- 2.3 Following receipt of the draft Implementation Plan from the Supplier, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Implementation Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Implementation Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.



- 2.4 The Supplier shall provide each of the Deliverable Items identified in the Implementation Plan by the date assigned to that Deliverable Item in the Implementation Plan so as to ensure that each Milestone identified in the Implementation Plan is Achieved on or before its Milestone Date.
- 2.5 The Supplier shall monitor its performance against the Implementation Plan and Milestones (if any) and report to the Buyer on such performance.

### **3. Reviewing and changing the Implementation Plan**

- 3.1 Subject to Paragraph 4.3, the Supplier shall keep the Implementation Plan under review in accordance with the Buyer's instructions and ensure that it is updated on a regular basis.
- 3.2 The Buyer shall have the right to require the Supplier to include any reasonable changes or provisions in each version of the Implementation Plan.
- 3.3 Changes to any Milestones, Milestone Payments and Delay Payments shall only be made in accordance with the Variation Procedure.
- 3.4 Time in relation to compliance with the Implementation Plan shall be of the essence and failure of the Supplier to comply with the Implementation Plan shall be a material Default.

### **4. Security requirements before the Start Date**

- 4.1 The Supplier shall note that it is incumbent upon them to understand the lead-in period for security clearances and ensure that all Supplier Staff have the necessary security clearance in place before the Start Date. The Supplier shall ensure that this is reflected in their Implementation Plan.
- 4.2 The Supplier shall ensure that all Supplier Staff and Subcontractors do not access the Buyer's IT systems, or any IT systems linked to the Buyer, unless they have satisfied the Buyer's security requirements.
- 4.3 The Supplier shall be responsible for providing all necessary information to the Buyer to facilitate security clearances for Supplier Staff and Subcontractors in accordance with the Buyer's requirements.
- 4.4 The Supplier shall provide the names of all Supplier Staff and Subcontractors and inform the Buyer of any alterations and additions as they take place throughout the Contract Period.
- 4.5 The Supplier shall ensure that all Supplier Staff and Subcontractors requiring access to the Buyer Premises have the appropriate security clearance. It is the Supplier's responsibility to establish whether or not the level of clearance will be sufficient for access. Unless prior approval has been received from the Buyer, the Supplier shall be responsible for meeting the costs associated with the provision of security cleared escort services.
- 4.6 If a property requires Supplier Staff or Subcontractors to be accompanied by the Buyer's Authorised Representative, the Buyer must be given reasonable notice of such a requirement, except in the case of emergency access.



## **5. What to do if there is a Delay**

- 5.1 If the Supplier becomes aware that there is, or there is reasonably likely to be, a Delay under this Contract it shall:
  - 5.1.1 notify the Buyer as soon as practically possible and no later than within two (2) Working Days from becoming aware of the Delay or anticipated Delay;
  - 5.1.2 include in its notification an explanation of the actual or anticipated impact of the Delay;
  - 5.1.3 comply with the Buyer's instructions in order to address the impact of the Delay or anticipated Delay; and
  - 5.1.4 use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences of any Delay or anticipated Delay.

## **6. Compensation for a Delay**

- 6.1 If Delay Payments have been included in the Implementation Plan and a Milestone has not been achieved by the relevant Milestone Date, the Supplier shall pay to the Buyer such Delay Payments (calculated as set out by the Buyer in the Implementation Plan) and the following provisions shall apply:
  - 6.1.1 the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that any Delay Payment is a price adjustment and not an estimate of the Loss that may be suffered by the Buyer as a result of the Supplier's failure to Achieve the corresponding Milestone;
  - 6.1.2 Delay Payments shall be the Buyer's exclusive financial remedy for the Supplier's failure to Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date except where:
    - a) the Buyer is also entitled to or does terminate this Contract pursuant to Clause 14.4 (When the Buyer can end the contract); or
    - b) the delay exceeds the number of days (the "**Delay Period Limit**") specified in the Implementation Plan commencing on the relevant Milestone Date;
  - 6.1.3 the Delay Payments will accrue on a daily basis from the relevant Milestone Date until the date when the Milestone is Achieved;
  - 6.1.4 no payment or other act or omission of the Buyer shall in any way affect the rights of the Buyer to recover the Delay Payments or be deemed to be a waiver of the right of the Buyer to recover any such damages; and
  - 6.1.5 Delay Payments shall not be subject to or count towards any limitation on liability set out in Clause 15 (How much you can be held responsible for).

## **7. Implementation Plan**

- 7.1 The Implementation Period will be a three (3) Month period.

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- 7.2 During the Implementation Period, the incumbent supplier shall retain full responsibility for all existing services until the Start Date or as otherwise formally agreed with the Buyer. The Supplier's full-service obligations shall formally be assumed on the Start Date as set out in Award Form.
- 7.3 The Supplier shall work with the Authority and the Incumbent Supplier in an open and honest manner under the direction of the Transition Board.
- 7.4 The Transition Board shall:
  - (a) be accountable to the Strategic Board for oversight of delivery of the Supplier Solution and ensuring that choices are made to maximise the long term value of the Supplier Solution as a business asset of the Authority;
  - (b) report to the Strategic Board on significant issues requiring decision and resolution by the Strategic Board and on progress against the Implementation Plan;
  - (c) report to the Strategic Board on the development and implementation of the Clinical Governance Strategy; and
  - (d) receive reports from the Service Managers on progress against the Implementation Plan.
- 7.5 In accordance with the Implementation Plan, the Supplier shall:
  - 7.5.1 work cooperatively and in partnership with the Buyer and incumbent supplier, where applicable, to understand the scope of Services to ensure a mutually beneficial handover of the Services;
  - 7.5.2 work with the incumbent supplier and Buyer to assess the scope of the Services and prepare a plan which demonstrates how they will mobilise the Services;
  - 7.5.3 liaise with the incumbent supplier to enable the full completion of the Implementation Period activities; and
  - 7.5.4 produce an Implementation Plan, to be agreed by the Buyer, for carrying out the requirements within the Implementation Period including, key Milestones and dependencies.
- 7.6 The Implementation Plan will include detail stating:
  - 7.6.1 how the Supplier will work with the incumbent supplier and the Buyer Authorised Representative to capture and load up information such as asset data; and
  - 7.6.2 a communications plan, to be produced and implemented by the Supplier, but to be agreed with the Buyer, including the frequency, responsibility for and nature of communication with the Buyer and end users of the Services.

**7.7** In addition, the Supplier shall:

- 7.7.1 appoint a Supplier Authorised Representative who shall be responsible for the management of the Implementation Period, to ensure that the Implementation Period is planned and resourced adequately, and who will act as a point of contact for the Buyer;
- 7.7.2 mobilise all the Services specified in the Specification within the Contract;
- 7.7.3 produce an Implementation Plan report for each Buyer Premises to encompass programmes that will fulfil all the Buyer's obligations to landlords and other tenants:
  - a) the format of reports and programmes shall be in accordance with the Buyer's requirements and particular attention shall be paid to establishing the operating requirements of the occupiers when preparing these programmes which are subject to the Buyer's approval; and
  - b) the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the report but if the Parties are unable to agree the contents within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission by the Supplier to the Buyer, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 7.7.4 manage and report progress against the Implementation Plan;
- 7.7.5 construct and maintain an Implementation risk and issue register in conjunction with the Buyer detailing how risks and issues will be effectively communicated to the Buyer in order to mitigate them;
- 7.7.6 attend progress meetings (frequency of such meetings shall be as set out in the Award Form) in accordance with the Buyer's requirements during the Implementation Period. Implementation meetings shall be chaired by the Buyer and all meeting minutes shall be kept and published by the Supplier; and
- 7.7.7 ensure that all risks associated with the Implementation Period are minimised to ensure a seamless change of control between incumbent supplier and the Supplier.

## Annex 1: Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan is set out below and the Milestones to be Achieved are identified below:

Milestone	Deliverable Items	MGH Roles	Duration	Milestone Date	Buyer Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and approve the project charter and scope statement.</li> <li>2. Identify the project team and assign roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>3. Develop a detailed project plan, including tasks, resources, and timelines.</li> <li>4. Obtain approval from the steering committee and other stakeholders.</li> <li>5. Communicate the project plan to the project team and other stakeholders.</li> <li>6. Monitor and control the project progress, identifying and addressing any issues or risks.</li> <li>7. Report on project progress to the steering committee and other stakeholders.</li> <li>8. Close the project and conduct a post-mortem review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project Charter and Scope Statement</li> <li>2. Project Team and Roles</li> <li>3. Detailed Project Plan</li> <li>4. Steering Committee Approval</li> <li>5. Project Plan Communication</li> <li>6. Project Progress Monitoring</li> <li>7. Project Progress Reporting</li> <li>8. Project Closure and Post-mortem Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project Manager</li> <li>2. Project Sponsor</li> <li>3. Project Team</li> <li>4. Steering Committee</li> <li>5. Other Stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12 weeks</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and approve the project charter and scope statement.</li> <li>2. Identify the project team and assign roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>3. Develop a detailed project plan, including tasks, resources, and timelines.</li> <li>4. Obtain approval from the steering committee and other stakeholders.</li> <li>5. Communicate the project plan to the project team and other stakeholders.</li> <li>6. Monitor and control the project progress, identifying and addressing any issues or risks.</li> <li>7. Report on project progress to the steering committee and other stakeholders.</li> <li>8. Close the project and conduct a post-mortem review.</li> </ul>

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## 1. Definitions

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>"Component"</b>                | any constituent parts of the Deliverables;  |
| <b>"Material Test Issue"</b>      | a Test Issue of Severity Level 1 or Severity Level 2;   |
| <b>"Satisfaction Certificate"</b> | a certificate materially in the form of the document contained in Annex 2 issued by the Buyer when a Deliverable and/or Milestone has satisfied its relevant Test Success Criteria; |

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<b>"Severity Level"</b>	the level of severity of a Test Issue, the criteria for which are described in Annex 1;
<b>"Test Issue Management Log"</b>	a log for the recording of Test Issues as described further in Paragraph 8.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Test Issue Threshold"</b>	in relation to the Tests applicable to a Milestone, a maximum number of Severity Level 3, Severity Level 4 and Severity Level 5 Test Issues as set out in the relevant Test Plan;
<b>"Test Reports"</b>	the reports to be produced by the Supplier setting out the results of Tests;
<b>"Test Specification"</b>	the specification that sets out how Tests will demonstrate that the Test Success Criteria have been satisfied, as described in more detail in Paragraph 6.2 of this Schedule;
<b>"Test Strategy"</b>	a strategy for the conduct of Testing as described further in Paragraph 3.2 of this Schedule;
<b>"Test Success Criteria"</b>	in relation to a Test, the test success criteria for that Test as referred to in Paragraph 5 of this Schedule;

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### **"Test Witness"**

any person appointed by the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 9 of this Schedule; and

### **"Testing Procedures"**

the applicable testing procedures and Test Success Criteria set out in this Schedule.

## **2. How testing should work**

- 2.1 All Tests conducted by the Supplier shall be conducted in accordance with the Test Strategy, Test Specification and the Test Plan.
- 2.2 The Supplier shall not submit any Deliverable for Testing:
  - 2.2.1 unless the Supplier is reasonably confident that it will satisfy the relevant Test Success Criteria;
  - 2.2.2 until the Buyer has issued a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of any prior, dependant Deliverable(s); and
  - 2.2.3 until the Parties have agreed the Test Plan and the Test Specification relating to the relevant Deliverable(s).
- 2.3 The Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to submit each Deliverable for Testing or re-Testing by or before the date set out in the Implementation Plan for the commencement of Testing in respect of the relevant Deliverable.
- 2.4 Prior to the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate, the Buyer shall be entitled to review the relevant Test Reports and the Test Issue Management Log.

## **3. Planning for testing**

- 3.1 The Supplier shall develop the final Test Strategy as soon as practicable after the Start Date but in any case, no later than twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date.

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### **3.2 The final Test Strategy shall include:**

- 3.2.1 an overview of how Testing will be conducted in relation to the Implementation Plan;
- 3.2.2 the process to be used to capture and record Test results and the categorisation of Test Issues;
- 3.2.3 the procedure to be followed should a Deliverable fail a Test, fail to satisfy the Test Success Criteria or where the Testing of a Deliverable produces unexpected results, including a procedure for the resolution of Test Issues;
- 3.2.4 the procedure to be followed to sign off each Test;
- 3.2.5 the process for the production and maintenance of Test Reports and a sample plan for the resolution of Test Issues;
- 3.2.6 the names and contact details of the Buyer and the Supplier's Test representatives;
- 3.2.7 a high level identification of the resources required for Testing including Buyer and/or third party involvement in the conduct of the Tests;
- 3.2.8 the technical environments required to support the Tests; and
- 3.2.9 the procedure for managing the configuration of the Test environments.

## **4. Preparing for Testing**

- 4.1 The Supplier shall develop Test Plans and submit these for Approval as soon as practicable but in any case, no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the start date for the relevant Testing as specified in the Implementation Plan.

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- 4.2 Each Test Plan shall include as a minimum:
  - 4.2.1 the relevant Test definition and the purpose of the Test, the Milestone to which it relates, the requirements being Tested and, for each Test, the specific Test Success Criteria to be satisfied; and
  - 4.2.2 a detailed procedure for the Tests to be carried out.
- 4.3 The Buyer shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its approval of the Test Plan provided that the Supplier shall implement any reasonable requirements of the Buyer in the Test Plan.

### **5. Passing Testing**

- 5.1 The Test Success Criteria for all Tests shall be agreed between the Parties as part of the relevant Test Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.

### **6. How Deliverables will be tested**

- 6.1 Following approval of a Test Plan, the Supplier shall develop the Test Specification for the relevant Deliverables as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least 10 Working Days prior to the start of the relevant Testing (as specified in the Implementation Plan).
- 6.2 Each Test Specification shall include as a minimum:
  - 6.2.1 the specification of the Test data, including its source, scope, volume and management, a request (if applicable) for relevant Test data to be provided by the Buyer and the extent to which it is equivalent to live operational data;
  - 6.2.2 a plan to make the resources available for Testing;
  - 6.2.3 Test scripts;
  - 6.2.4 Test pre-requisites and the mechanism for measuring them; and

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6.2.5 expected Test results, including:

- a) a mechanism to be used to capture and record Test results;  
and
- b) a method to process the Test results to establish their content.

## **7. Performing the tests**

- 7.1 Before submitting any Deliverables for Testing the Supplier shall subject the relevant Deliverables to its own internal quality control measures.
- 7.2 The Supplier shall manage the progress of Testing in accordance with the relevant Test Plan and shall carry out the Tests in accordance with the relevant Test Specification. Tests may be witnessed by the Test Witnesses in accordance with Paragraph 9.3.
- 7.3 The Supplier shall notify the Buyer at least 10 Working Days in advance of the date, time and location of the relevant Tests and the Buyer shall ensure that the Test Witnesses attend the Tests.
- 7.4 The Buyer may raise and close Test Issues during the Test witnessing process.
- 7.5 The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer in relation to each Test:
  - 7.5.1 a draft Test Report not less than 2 Working Days prior to the date on which the Test is planned to end; and
  - 7.5.2 the final Test Report within 5 Working Days of completion of Testing.
- 7.6 Each Test Report shall provide a full report on the Testing conducted in respect of the relevant Deliverables, including:
  - 7.6.1 an overview of the Testing conducted;
  - 7.6.2 identification of the relevant Test Success Criteria that have/have not been satisfied together with the Supplier's explanation of why any criteria have not been met;

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- 7.6.3 the Tests that were not completed together with the Supplier's explanation of why those Tests were not completed;
  - 7.6.4 the Test Success Criteria that were satisfied, not satisfied or which were not tested, and any other relevant categories, in each case grouped by Severity Level in accordance with Paragraph 8.1; and
  - 7.6.5 the specification for any hardware and software used throughout Testing and any changes that were applied to that hardware and/or software during Testing.
- 7.7 When the Supplier has completed a Milestone it shall submit any Deliverables relating to that Milestone for Testing.
- 7.8 Each party shall bear its own costs in respect of the Testing. However, if a Milestone is not Achieved the Buyer shall be entitled to recover from the Supplier, any reasonable additional costs it may incur as a direct result of further review or re-Testing of a Milestone.
- 7.9 If the Supplier successfully completes the requisite Tests, the Buyer shall issue a Satisfaction Certificate as soon as reasonably practical following such successful completion. Notwithstanding the issuing of any Satisfaction Certificate, the Supplier shall remain solely responsible for ensuring that the Deliverables are implemented in accordance with this Contract.

## **8. Discovering Problems**

- 8.1 Where a Test Report identifies a Test Issue, the Parties shall agree the classification of the Test Issue using the criteria specified in Annex 1 and the Test Issue Management Log maintained by the Supplier shall log Test Issues reflecting the Severity Level allocated to each Test Issue.
- 8.2 The Supplier shall be responsible for maintaining the Test Issue Management Log and for ensuring that its contents accurately represent the current status of each Test Issue at all relevant times. The Supplier shall make the Test Issue Management Log available to the Buyer upon request.



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- 8.3 The Buyer shall confirm the classification of any Test Issue unresolved at the end of a Test in consultation with the Supplier. If the Parties are unable to agree the classification of any unresolved Test Issue, the Dispute shall be dealt with in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure using the Expedited Dispute Timetable.

### **9. Test witnessing**

- 9.1 The Buyer may, in its sole discretion, require the attendance at any Test of one or more Test Witnesses selected by the Buyer, each of whom shall have appropriate skills to fulfil the role of a Test Witness.
- 9.2 The Supplier shall give the Test Witnesses access to any documentation and Testing environments reasonably necessary and requested by the Test Witnesses to perform their role as a Test Witness in respect of the relevant Tests.
- 9.3 The Test Witnesses:
- 9.3.1 shall actively review the Test documentation;
  - 9.3.2 will attend and engage in the performance of the Tests on behalf of the Buyer so as to enable the Buyer to gain an informed view of whether a Test Issue may be closed or whether the relevant element of the Test should be re-Tested;
  - 9.3.3 shall not be involved in the execution of any Test;
  - 9.3.4 shall be required to verify that the Supplier conducted the Tests in accordance with the Test Success Criteria and the relevant Test Plan and Test Specification;
  - 9.3.5 may produce and deliver their own, independent reports on Testing, which may be used by the Buyer to assess whether the Tests have been Achieved;

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9.3.6 may raise Test Issues on the Test Issue Management Log in respect of any Testing; and

9.4 may require the Supplier to demonstrate the modifications made to any defective Deliverable before a Test Issue is closed.

### **10. Auditing the quality of the test**

10.1 The Buyer or an agent or contractor appointed by the Buyer may perform on-going quality audits in respect of any part of the Testing (each a "**Testing Quality Audit**") subject to the provisions set out in the agreed Quality Plan.

10.2 The Supplier shall allow sufficient time in the Test Plan to ensure that adequate responses to a Testing Quality Audit can be provided.

10.3 The Buyer will give the Supplier at least 5 Working Days' written notice of the Buyer's intention to undertake a Testing Quality Audit.

10.4 The Supplier shall provide all reasonable necessary assistance and access to all relevant documentation required by the Buyer to enable it to carry out the Testing Quality Audit.

10.5 If the Testing Quality Audit gives the Buyer concern in respect of the Testing Procedures or any Test, the Buyer shall prepare a written report for the Supplier detailing its concerns and the Supplier shall, within a reasonable timeframe, respond in writing to the Buyer's report.

10.6 In the event of an inadequate response to the written report from the Supplier, the Buyer (acting reasonably) may withhold a Satisfaction Certificate until the issues in the report have been addressed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer.

### **11. Outcome of the testing**

11.1 The Buyer will issue a Satisfaction Certificate when the Deliverables satisfy the Test Success Criteria in respect of that Test without any Test Issues.

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- 11.2 If the Deliverables (or any relevant part) do not satisfy the Test Success Criteria then the Buyer shall notify the Supplier and:
  - 11.2.1 the Buyer may issue a Satisfaction Certificate conditional upon the remediation of the Test Issues;
  - 11.2.2 the Buyer may extend the Test Plan by such reasonable period or periods as the Parties may reasonably agree and require the Supplier to rectify the cause of the Test Issue and re-submit the Deliverables (or the relevant part) to Testing; or
  - 11.2.3 where the failure to satisfy the Test Success Criteria results, or is likely to result, in the failure (in whole or in part) by the Supplier to meet a Milestone, then without prejudice to the Buyer's other rights and remedies, such failure shall constitute a material Default.
- 11.3 The Buyer shall be entitled, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies that it has under this Contract, to recover from the Supplier any reasonable additional costs it may incur as a direct result of further review or re-Testing which is required for the Test Success Criteria for that Deliverable to be satisfied.
- 11.4 The Buyer shall issue a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of a given Milestone as soon as is reasonably practicable following:
  - 11.4.1 the issuing by the Buyer of Satisfaction Certificates and/or conditional Satisfaction Certificates in respect of all Deliverables related to that Milestone which are due to be Tested; and
  - 11.4.2 performance by the Supplier to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer of any other tasks identified in the Implementation Plan as associated with that Milestone.
- 11.5 The grant of a Satisfaction Certificate shall entitle the Supplier to the receipt of a payment in respect of that Milestone in accordance with the provisions of any Implementation Plan and Clause 4 (Pricing and payments).

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- 11.6 If a Milestone is not Achieved, the Buyer shall promptly issue a report to the Supplier setting out the applicable Test Issues and any other reasons for the relevant Milestone not being Achieved.
- 11.7 If there are Test Issues but these do not exceed the Test Issues Threshold, then provided there are no Material Test Issues, the Buyer shall issue a Satisfaction Certificate.
- 11.8 If there is one or more Material Test Issue(s), the Buyer shall refuse to issue a Satisfaction Certificate and, without prejudice to the Buyer's other rights and remedies, such failure shall constitute a material Default.
- 11.9 If there are Test Issues which exceed the Test Issues Threshold but there are no Material Test Issues, the Buyer may at its discretion (without waiving any rights in relation to the other options) choose to issue a Satisfaction Certificate conditional on the remediation of the Test Issues in accordance with an agreed Rectification Plan provided that:
  - 11.9.1 any Rectification Plan shall be agreed before the issue of a conditional Satisfaction Certificate unless the Buyer agrees otherwise (in which case the Supplier shall submit a Rectification Plan for approval by the Buyer within 10 Working Days of receipt of the Buyer's report pursuant to Paragraph 10.5); and
  - 11.9.2 where the Buyer issues a conditional Satisfaction Certificate, it may (but shall not be obliged to) revise the failed Milestone Date and any subsequent Milestone Date.

## **12. Risk**

- 12.1 The issue of a Satisfaction Certificate and/or a conditional Satisfaction Certificate shall not:
  - 12.1.1 operate to transfer any risk that the relevant Deliverable or Milestone is complete or will meet and/or satisfy the Buyer's requirements for that Deliverable or Milestone; or

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- 12.1.2 affect the Buyer's right subsequently to reject all or any element of the Deliverables and/or any Milestone to which a Satisfaction Certificate relates.

## **Annex 1: Test Issues – Severity Levels**

### **1. Severity 1 Error**

- 1.1 This is an error that causes non-recoverable conditions, e.g. it is not possible to continue using a Component.

### **2. Severity 2 Error**

- 2.1 This is an error for which, as reasonably determined by the Buyer, there is no practicable workaround available, and which:
  - 2.1.1 causes a Component to become unusable;
  - 2.1.2 causes a lack of functionality, or unexpected functionality, that has an impact on the current Test; or
  - 2.1.3 has an adverse impact on any other Component(s) or any other area of the Deliverables.

### **3. Severity 3 Error**

- 3.1 This is an error which:
  - 3.1.1 causes a Component to become unusable;
  - 3.1.2 causes a lack of functionality, or unexpected functionality, but which does not impact on the current Test; or
  - 3.1.3 has an impact on any other Component(s) or any other area of the Deliverables;but for which, as reasonably determined by the Buyer, there is a practicable workaround available;

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### **4. Severity 4 Error**

- 4.1 This is an error which causes incorrect functionality of a Component or process, but for which there is a simple, Component based, workaround, and which has no impact on the current Test, or other areas of the Deliverables.

### **5. Severity 5 Error**

- 5.1 This is an error that causes a minor problem, for which no workaround is required, and which has no impact on the current Test, or other areas of the Deliverables.

## **Annex 2: Satisfaction Certificate**

To: [insert name of Supplier]

From: [insert name of Buyer]

[insert Date dd/mm/yyyy]

Dear Sirs,

### **Satisfaction Certificate**

Deliverable/Milestone(s): [Insert relevant description of the agreed Deliverables/Milestones].

We refer to the agreement ("**Contract**") [insert Contract reference number] relating to the provision of the [insert description of the Deliverables] between the [*insert Buyer name*] ("**Buyer**") and [*insert Supplier name*] ("**Supplier**") dated [*insert Start Date dd/mm/yyyy*].

The definitions for any capitalised terms in this certificate are as set out in the Contract.

[We confirm that all the Deliverables relating to [insert relevant description of Deliverables/agreed Milestones and/or reference number(s) from the Implementation Plan] have been tested successfully in accordance with the Test Plan [or that a conditional Satisfaction Certificate has been issued in respect of those Deliverables that have not satisfied the relevant Test Success Criteria].

[OR]

[This Satisfaction Certificate is granted on the condition that any Test Issues are remedied in accordance with the Rectification Plan attached to this certificate.]



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[You may now issue an invoice in respect of the Milestone Payment associated with this Milestone in accordance with Clause 4 (Pricing and payments)].

Yours faithfully

[insert Name]

[insert Position]

acting on behalf of [insert name of Buyer]

## Schedule 10 (Service Levels)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Application Form"</b>	means the electronic form on which an Application is made by an Applicant, together with any supporting documentation;
<b>"Critical Service Level Failure"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Defective Copy"</b>	means an electronic copy of an Application Form that is provided by the Buyer as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) an illegible or incomplete copy; or</li><li>(b) a corrupt or otherwise defective copy, such that it cannot be viewed by the Supplier</li></ul>
<b>"Help Desk"</b>	means the single point of contact help desk set up and operated by the Supplier for the purposes of this Contract;
<b>"Materially Incomplete Application"</b>	means an Application which is found to be incomplete or missing required information after the use by the Supplier of all reasonable endeavours to obtain the relevant information and in respect of which the Buyer has been informed by the Supplier pursuant to paragraph 6.2 of Schedule 2, but excluding an Application provided by the Buyer as a Defective Copy;
<b>"Performance Review Meeting"</b>	means the regular meetings between the Supplier and the Buyer to manage and review the Supplier's performance under this Contract, as further described in part B;
<b>"Satisfaction Survey"</b>	has the meaning given in paragraph 5;
<b>"Service Credit Cap"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
<b>"Service Level Failure"</b>	means a failure to meet the Service Level Performance Measure in respect of a Service Level;
<b>"Service Level Performance"</b>	shall be as set out against the relevant Service

<b>Measure"</b>	Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule; and
<b>"Service Level Threshold"</b>	shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule.

## **2. What happens if you don't meet the Service Levels**

2.1 The Supplier shall at all times provide the Deliverables to meet or exceed the Service Level Performance Measure for each Service Level.

2.2 The Supplier acknowledges that any Service Level Failure shall entitle the Buyer to the rights set out in Part A of this Schedule including the right to any Service Credits and that any Service Credit is a price adjustment and not an estimate of the Loss that may be suffered by the Buyer as a result of the Supplier's failure to meet any Service Level Performance Measure.

2.3 The Supplier shall send Performance Monitoring Reports to the Buyer detailing the level of service which was achieved in accordance with the provisions of Part B (Performance Monitoring) of this Schedule.

2.4 A Service Credit shall be the Buyer's exclusive financial remedy for a Service Level Failure except where:

- a) the Supplier has over the previous (twelve) 12 Month period exceeded the Service Credit Cap; and/or
- b) the Service Level Failure:
  - i. exceeds the relevant Service Level Threshold;
  - ii. has arisen due to a Prohibited Act or wilful Default by the Supplier;
  - iii. results in the corruption or loss of any Government Data; and/or
  - iv. results in the Buyer being required to make a compensation payment to one or more third parties; and/or
- c) the Buyer is also entitled to or does terminate this Contract pursuant to Clause 14.4 of the Core Terms (When the Buyer can end the contract).

2.5 Not more than once in each Contract Year, the Buyer may, on giving the Supplier at least three (3) Months' notice, change the weighting of Service Level Performance Measure in respect of one or more Service Levels and the Supplier shall not be entitled to object to, or increase the Charges as a result of such changes, provided that:

- a) the total number of Service Levels for which the weighting is to be changed does not exceed the number applicable as at the Start Date;
- b) the principal purpose of the change is to reflect changes in the Buyer's business requirements and/or priorities or to reflect changing industry standards; and
- c) there is no change to the Service Credit Cap.

### **3. Critical Service Level Failure**

On the occurrence of a Critical Service Level Failure:

3.1 any Service Credits that would otherwise have accrued during the relevant Service Period shall not accrue; and

3.2 the Buyer shall (subject to the Service Credit Cap) be entitled to withhold and retain as compensation a sum equal to any Charges which would otherwise have been due to the Supplier in respect of that Service Period ("**Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure**"),

provided that the operation of this Paragraph 3 shall be without prejudice to the right of the Buyer to terminate this Contract and/or to claim damages from the Supplier for material Default.

### **4. Key Performance Indicators**

4.1 Annex 1 sets out the Key Performance Indicators which the Parties have agreed shall be used to measure the performance of the Services by the Supplier.

4.2 The Supplier shall monitor its performance against each Key Performance Indicator and shall send the Buyer a report detailing the level of service actually achieved in accordance with part B.

4.3 Service Points, and therefore Service Credits, shall accrue for any KPI Failure and shall be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 5, 6 and 7.

4.4 Where the Supplier is provided with a Defective Copy in respect of any Application it shall notify the Buyer promptly providing full details explaining how the copy of the Application Form is a Defective Copy.

4.5 Subject to paragraph 4.6, if the Supplier can demonstrate to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the level of performance achieved for any Key Performance Indicator will be adversely impacted by any Defective Copy in respect of an Application then the time taken to carry out any task in respect of that Application shall not count or accrue when determining the level of performance achieved for any Key Performance Indicator from the time the Supplier notifies the Buyer of the Defective Copy in accordance with paragraph 4.4 until the earlier of the time when the Buyer:

- a) provides an electronic or paper copy of the relevant Application Form that is not a Defective Copy; or
- b) confirms that any incompleteness is due to an incomplete Application Form and that it is to be regarded as a Materially Incomplete Application and not a Defective Copy.

4.6 Paragraph 4.5 only applies where the Supplier has been provided with a Defective Copy of the Application and has complied with paragraph 4.4.

## **5. Service Points**

5.1 During the Mobilisation Period performance shall be subject to monitoring and Service Points shall accrue in respect of any KPI Failure, but Service Credits shall not accrue in respect of any KPI Failure.

5.2 If the level of performance of the Supplier during a Service Period achieves the Target Performance Level in respect of a Key Performance Indicator, no Service Points shall accrue to the Supplier in respect of that Key Performance Indicator.

5.3 If subject to paragraph 5.1 the level of performance of the Supplier during a Service Period is below the Target Performance Level in respect of a Key Performance Indicator, Service Points shall accrue to the Supplier in respect of that Key Performance Indicator as set out in paragraph 5.4.

5.4 The number of Service Points that shall accrue to the Supplier in respect of a KPI Failure shall be the applicable number as set out in annex 1 depending on whether the KPI Failure is a Minor KPI Failure, a Serious KPI Failure or a Severe KPI Failure, unless the KPI Failure is a Repeat KPI Failure when the provisions of paragraph 6.2 shall apply.

5.5 If the Supplier can demonstrate to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that a Materially Incomplete Application has been provided to the Supplier then the following provisions shall apply in relation to that Materially Incomplete Application:

- a) (regardless of the fact it is a Materially Incomplete Application) the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to produce the relevant Decision or Unit of Advice in satisfaction of the Key Performance Indicators;
- b) the Supplier shall inform the Buyer through the Performance Monitoring Report (as described in paragraph 1.2(a) of part B) of the steps it has taken to procure the required information in accordance with paragraph 5.5(a); and
- c) provided that the Supplier complies with the paragraphs 5.5(a) and (b) of this part A, the method of calculation of the level of performance achieved for a Key Performance Indicator shall be adjusted so that the number of Applications being measured as the numerator or denominator (as applicable) in the calculation does not include any Application adversely affected by such Materially Incomplete Application, if and to the extent that such Materially Incomplete Application would but for this paragraph 5.5(c) have caused such a KPI Failure.

## **6. Repeat KPI Failures and related KPI Failures**

### **Repeat KPI Failures**

6.1 If a KPI Failure occurs in respect of the same Key Performance Indicator in any two consecutive Measurement Periods, the second and any subsequent such KPI Failure shall be a **Repeat KPI Failure**.

6.2 The number of Service Points that shall accrue to the Supplier in respect of a KPI Failure that is a Repeat KPI Failure shall be calculated as follows:

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$$SP = P \times 2$$

where:

SP = the number of Service Points that shall accrue for the Repeat KPI Failure; and

P = the applicable number of Service Points for that KPI Failure as set out in annex 1 depending on whether the Repeat KPI Failure is a Minor KPI Failure, a Serious KPI Failure, a Severe KPI Failure or a failure to meet the KPI Service Threshold.

## **Part A: Service Levels and Service Credits**

### **1. Service Levels**

If the level of performance of the Supplier:

- 1.1 is likely to or fails to meet any Service Level Performance Measure; or
- 1.2 is likely to cause or causes a Critical Service Failure to occur,  
the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer in writing and the Buyer, in its absolute discretion and without limiting any other of its rights, may:
  - 1.2.1 require the Supplier to immediately take all remedial action that is reasonable to mitigate the impact on the Buyer and to rectify or prevent a Service Level Failure or Critical Service Level Failure from taking place or recurring;
  - 1.2.2 instruct the Supplier to comply with the Rectification Plan Process;
  - 1.2.3 if a Service Level Failure has occurred, deduct the applicable Service Level Credits payable by the Supplier to the Buyer; and/or
  - 1.2.4 if a Critical Service Level Failure has occurred, exercise its right to Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure (including the right to terminate for material Default).

### **2. Service Credits**

- 2.1 The Buyer shall use the Performance Monitoring Reports supplied by the Supplier to verify the calculation and accuracy of the Service Credits, if any, applicable to each Service Period.
- 2.2 Service Credits are a reduction of the amounts payable in respect of the Deliverables and do not include VAT. The Supplier shall set-off the value of any Service Credits against the appropriate invoice in accordance with calculation formula in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule.
- 2.3 Table 2 in schedule 3 (Charges) sets out the mechanism by which Service Points shall be converted into Service Credits.
- 2.4 The Buyer shall use the Performance Monitoring Reports provided pursuant to part B, among other things, to verify the calculation and accuracy of the Service Credits (if any) applicable to each Service Period.

## **Annex A to Part B: Service Levels and Service Credits Table**



## Annex 1

### Key Performance Indicators

#### Part I: Key Performance Indicators Tables

The Key Performance Indicators that shall apply to the Operational Services are set out below:

#### 1 Key Performance Indicators

No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 1	Ill Health Retirement Benefit - Decisions and Rationale	The Supplier has ten (10) working days to assess and make a Decision on an Application unless FME is required. If an Application is received by	Number of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in a Service Period which meets the description divided by the total number	Month	Target	95.0%	100.0%	0	Y
					Severity 4 Service Incident	90.0%	94.9%	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	85.0%	89.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	80.0%	84.9%	3	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
		midday, the ten (10) working day period will start from the day the Application was received.	of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.		Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	79.9%	4	
KPI 2	Early Payment of Deferred Benefits - Decisions and Rationale	The Supplier has ten (10) working days to assess and make a Decision on an Application unless FME is required. If an Application is received by	Number of Applications for Early Payment of Deferred Benefits completed where FME was not required in a Service Period which meets the description, divided	Month	Target	95.0%	100.0 %	0	Y
					Severity 4 Service Incident	90.0%	94.9%	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	85.0%	89.9%	2	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
		midday, the ten (10) working day period will start from the day the Application was received.	by the total number of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.		Severity 2 Service Incident	80.0%	84.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	79.9%	4	
KPI 3	Permanent Injury Benefit and Temporary Injury	The Supplier has ten (10) working days to assess and make a Decision on an Application	Number of Applications for Permanent Injury Benefit and Temporary Injury Allowance	Month	Target	90.0%	100.0 %	0	N
					Severity 4 Service Incident	80.0%	89.9%	1	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
	Allowance - Decisions and Rational	unless FME is required. If an Application is received by midday, the ten (10) working day period will start from the day the Application was received.	completed where FME was not required in a Service Period which meets the description, divided by the total number of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.		Severity 3 Service Incident	70.0%	79.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	60.0%	69.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	59.9%	4	
KPI	IDR 1 and IDR 2 - Advice and	The Supplier has ten (10) working days to assess	Number of Applications for IDR 1 and IDR 2	Month	Target	95.0%	100.0 %	0	N



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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
4	Rationale	and provide Advice and supporting rationale on an Application unless FME is required. If an Application is received by midday, the ten (10) working day period will start from the day the Application was received.	completed where FME was not required in a Service Period which meets the description, divided by the total number of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.		Severity 4 Service Incident	90.0%	94.9%	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	85.0%	89.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	80.0%	84.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	79.9%	4	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 5	Serious Ill Health Retirement - Decisions and Rationale	The Supplier has two (2) working days to assess and make a Decision on an Application unless FME is required. If an Application is received by midday, the two (2) working day period will start from the day the Application was received.	Number of Applications for Serious Ill Health Retirement completed where FME was not required in a Service Period which meets the description, divided by the total number of Applications for Ill Health Retirement Benefit completed where FME was not required in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.	Month	Target	100.0 %	100.0 %	0	N
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0%	<100 %	4	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 6	Quality Control	The Supplier shall select a Test Sample of Decisions and Advice to re-assess every Service Period as set out in paragraph 15 of Schedule 2 (Specification).	The total number of Decisions and Advice audited by the Supplier in the Service Period which complies with the descriptions, divided by the total number of Decisions and Units of Advice audited by the Supplier in that Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.	Month	Target	95.0%	100.0%	0	Y
					Severity 4 Service Incident	90.0%	94.9%	3	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	85.0%	89.9%	6	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	80.0%	84.9%	9	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	79.9%	12	
KPI	FME (All Applications and	The Supplier has 10 (ten) Working Days to assess	The total number of Applications and IDR referrals where	Month	Target	100.00%		0	N

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
7	Disputes)	and make a Decision on an Application. If an Application is received by midday, the ten (10) Working Day period will start from the day the Application was received.  When a Decision on an Application cannot be made and FME is required, there will be a pause on the ten (10) Working Days as referred to in KPI	FME is required and received by the Supplier during the Service Period where a decision has been provided within fifty (50) Working Days, divided by the total number of Decisions and Units of Advice where FME is required and received in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.		Severity 4 Service Incident	99.0%	<100 %	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	98.0%	98.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	90.0%	97.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	89.9%	4	



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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
		1-4 whilst FME is obtained. Once FME has been obtained, the pause on the ten (10) Working Days will resume. The Supplier must provide a Decision or Advice before fifty (50) Working Days pass where there has been no FME received. Therefore, the Supplier should not invoice the Buyer for the FME.							

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 8	Customer Enquiries 1	The proportion of customer enquiries referred to the Supplier which have been acknowledged and resolved within five (5) Working Days as set out in Schedule 2 (Specification).	Total number of enquiries referred to the Supplier which are acknowledged and resolved within five (5) Working Days in the Service Period, divided by the total number of customer enquiries received in the Service Period.  The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.	Month	Target	95.0%	100.0%	0	N
					Severity 4 Service Incident	90.0%	94.9%	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	85.0%	89.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	80.0%	84.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	79.9%	4	
	Customer	The proportion of	Total number of	Month	Target	100.0%		0	N

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 9	Enquiries 2	customer enquiries that haven't been acknowledged and resolved within five (5) Working Days and therefore resolved within thirty (30) Working Days.	customer enquiries referred to the Supplier which have not been acknowledged and resolved within five (5) Working Days but have been acknowledged and resolved within thirty (30) Working Days, divided by the total number customer enquiries received in the Service Period which have not been acknowledged and resolved within five (5) Working Days.		Severity 4 Service Incident	99.0%	<100 %	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	98.0%	98.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	97.0%	97.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	96.9%	4	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
			The resulting figure to be expressed as a percentage.						
KPI 10	McCloud	TBA	TBA	Month	Target	100.0 %	0		
					Severity 4 Service Incident	99.0%	<100 %	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	98.0%	98.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	97.0%	97.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	96.9%	4	

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No	Title	Description	Calculation	Measurement Period	Severity level	Target Levels (%)		Service Points	Publishable KPI
						From	To		
KPI 11	Social Value	TBA	TBA	Month	Target	100.0 %	0		Y
					Severity 4 Service Incident	99.0%	<100 %	1	
					Severity 3 Service Incident	98.0%	98.9%	2	
					Severity 2 Service Incident	97.0%	97.9%	3	
					Severity 1 Service Incident	0.0%	96.9%	4	

## **2      Subsidiary Performance Indicators**

**NOT USED**

### **Optional Services**

**NOT USED**

## **3      Help Desk Response Times**

3.1      The Supplier shall provide a Help Desk.

3.2      The Supplier shall monitor the Help Desk response times and shall provide the results of such monitoring to the Buyer in accordance with the provisions of part B of this schedule.

## **4      Fix Times**

4.1      The **Fix Time** of a Service Incident is the period from the time that the Service Incident has been reported to the Supplier to the point of its Resolution and **Resolution** means in relation to a Service Incident either:

(a)      the root cause of the Service Incident has been removed and the Services are being provided in accordance with the Services Description and Service Levels; or

(b)      the Buyer has been provided with a workaround in relation to the Service Incident deemed acceptable by the Buyer.

4.2      Fix Times for Severity 3 Service Incidents, Severity 4 Service Incidents and Severity 5 Service Incidents shall be measured during Working Hours only.

4.3      Fix times for Severity 1 Service Incidents and Severity 2 Service Incidents shall be measured continuously 24 hours per day.

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4.4 The Supplier shall measure Fix Times as part of its service management responsibilities and report periodically to the Buyer on Fix Times as part of the Performance Monitoring Report.

4.5 For the purpose of paragraph 2, the following expressions shall have the meanings set opposite them below:

**Service Incident** means a reported occurrence of a failure to deliver any part of the Services in accordance with the Buyer Requirements or the Key Performance Indicators

**Severity 1 Service Incident** means a Service Incident which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer:

- (a) has a critical impact on the activities of the Buyer;
- (b) causes significant financial loss and/or disruption to the Buyer; or
- (c) results in any material loss or corruption of Buyer Data.

**Severity 2 Service Incident** means a Service Incident which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer has the potential to:

- (a) have a major (but not critical) adverse impact on the activities of the Buyer and no workaround acceptable to the Buyer is available;
- (b) cause a financial loss and/or disruption to the Buyer which is more than trivial but less severe than the significant financial loss described in the definition of a Severity 1 Service Failure

**Severity 3 Service Incident** means a Service Incident which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer has the potential to:

- (a) have a major adverse impact on the activities of the Buyer which can be reduced to a moderate adverse impact due to the availability of a workaround acceptable to the Buyer; or
- (b) have a moderate adverse impact on the activities of the Buyer



**Severity 4 Service Incident** means a Service Incident which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, has the potential to have a minor adverse impact on the provision of the Services.

## **5 Satisfaction Surveys**

5.1 In order to assess the level of performance of the Supplier, the Buyer may undertake satisfaction surveys in respect of Members or various groups of Members (each such survey a **Satisfaction Survey**), the results of which may be reflected in the Balanced Scorecard Report. The subject matter of Satisfaction Surveys may include:

- (a) the assessment of the Supplier's performance by the Members against the agreed Key Performance Indicators; and/or
- (b) other suggestions for improvements to the Services.

5.2 The Supplier shall reflect in the Balanced Scorecard Report any aspects of the Supplier's performance of the Services which the responses to the Satisfaction Surveys reasonably suggest are not meeting the Services Description.

5.3 The Balanced Scorecard Report shall be presented in the form of a "dashboard" and, as a minimum, shall contain a high level summary of the Supplier's performance over the relevant Service Period, including details of the following:

- (a) financial indicators;
- (b) the Target Performance Levels achieved;
- (c) behavioural indicators;
- (d) performance against the Supplier's obligation to pay its Sub-contractors within thirty (30) days of receipt of an undisputed invoice;



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- (e) Milestone trend chart, showing performance of the overall programme; and
- (f) sustainability and energy efficiency indicators, for example energy consumption and recycling performance.
- (g) The Buyer shall be entitled to raise any additional questions and/or request any further information from the Supplier regarding any KPI Failure.

### **6 Performance Records**

- 6.1 The Supplier shall keep appropriate documents and records (including Help Desk records, staff records, timesheets, training programmes, staff training records, goods received documentation, supplier accreditation records, complaints received etc) in relation to the Services being delivered. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Supplier shall maintain accurate records of any failures to achieve a Target Performance Level for a minimum of twelve (12) months from each KPI Failure and provide prompt access to such records to the Buyer upon the Buyer's request. The records and documents of the Supplier shall be available for inspection by the Buyer and/or its nominee at any time and the Buyer and/or its nominee may make copies of any such records and documents.
- 6.2 In addition to the requirement in paragraph 6.1 to maintain appropriate documents and records, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer such supporting documentation as the Buyer may reasonably require in order to verify the level of the performance of the Supplier both before and after the Operational Service Commencement Date and the calculations of the amount of Service Credits for any specified period.
- 6.3 The Supplier shall ensure that:
  - (a) the Performance Monitoring Report;
  - (b) the Balanced Scorecard Report and any variations or amendments thereto;
  - (c) any reports and summaries produced in accordance with this schedule; and

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(d) any other document or record reasonably required by the Buyer,

are available to the Buyer and capable of being printed and are provided in such form as the Buyer requires.

## **Part B: Performance Monitoring**

### **1. Performance Monitoring and Performance Review**

1.1 Within five (5) Working Days of the Start Date the Supplier shall provide the Buyer with details of how the process in respect of the monitoring and reporting of Service Levels will operate between the Parties and the Parties will endeavour to agree such process as soon as reasonably possible.

1.2 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with performance monitoring reports ("**Performance Monitoring Reports**") in accordance with the process and timescales agreed pursuant to Paragraph 1.1 of Part B of this Schedule which shall contain, as a minimum, the following information in respect of the relevant Service Period just ended:

- a) for each Service Level, the actual performance achieved over the Service Level for the relevant Service Period;
- b) a summary of all failures to achieve Service Levels that occurred during that Service Period;
- c) details of any Critical Service Level Failures;
- d) for any repeat failures, actions taken to resolve the underlying cause and prevent recurrence;
- e) which (if any) KPI Failures remain outstanding and the steps being taken to resolve each of them;
- f) the status of any outstanding Rectification Plan processes, including:
  - i. whether or not a Rectification Plan has been agreed; and
  - ii. where a Rectification Plan has been agreed, a summary of the Supplier's progress in implementing that Rectification Plan
- g) relevant particulars of any aspects of the Supplier's performance which fail to meet the requirements of this Contract;
- h) the Service Credits to be applied in respect of the relevant period indicating the failures and Service Levels to which the Service Credits relate; and
- i) such other details as the Buyer may reasonably require from time to time.

#### **Information in respect of previous Service Periods**

- (j) a rolling total of the number of KPI Failures that have occurred over the past six (6) Service Periods;

- (k) the amount of Service Credits that have been incurred by the Supplier over the past six (6) Service Periods;
- (l) the conduct and performance of any agreed periodic tests that have occurred during the past six (6) Service Periods (such as the annual failover test of the BCDR Plan); and

#### **Information in respect of the next Quarter**

- (m) any scheduled Service Downtime for Permitted Maintenance and Updates that has been agreed between the Buyer and the Supplier shall take place during the next Quarter.

1.3 The Parties shall attend meetings to discuss Performance Monitoring Reports ("**Performance Review Meetings**") on a Monthly basis. The Performance Review Meetings will be the forum for the review by the Supplier and the Buyer of the Performance Monitoring Reports. The Performance Review Meetings shall:

- a) take place within one (1) week of the Performance Monitoring Reports being issued by the Supplier at such location and time (within normal business hours) as the Buyer shall reasonably require;
- b) be attended by the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative; and
- c) be fully minuted by the Supplier and the minutes will be circulated by the Supplier to all attendees at the relevant meeting and also to the Buyer's Representative and any other recipients agreed at the relevant meeting.

1.4 The minutes of the preceding Month's Performance Review Meeting will be agreed and signed by both the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative at each meeting.

1.5 The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer such documentation as the Buyer may reasonably require in order to verify the level of the performance by the Supplier and the calculations of the amount of Service Credits for any specified Service Period.

## **2. Satisfaction Surveys**

2.1 The Buyer may undertake satisfaction surveys in respect of the Supplier's provision of the Deliverables. The Buyer shall be entitled to notify the Supplier of any aspects of their performance of the provision of the Deliverables which the responses to the Satisfaction Surveys reasonably suggest are not in accordance with this Contract.

## **3. Performance Verification**

3.1 The Buyer reserves the right to verify the Supplier's performance under this Contract against the Key Performance Indicators including by the sending of test transactions through the IT Environment or otherwise

## siSchedule 11 (Continuous Improvement)

### 1. Supplier's Obligations

- 1.1 The Supplier must, throughout the Contract Period, identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables and their supply to the Buyer.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 In addition to Paragraph 1.1, the Supplier shall produce at the start of each Contract Year a plan for improving the provision of Deliverables and/or reducing the Charges (without adversely affecting the performance of this Contract) during that Contract Year ("**Continuous Improvement Plan**") for the Buyer's Approval. The Continuous Improvement Plan must include, as a minimum, proposals:
  - 1.3.1 identifying the emergence of relevant new and evolving technologies;
  - 1.3.2 changes in business processes of the Supplier or the Buyer and ways of working that would provide cost savings and/or enhanced benefits to the Buyer (such as methods of interaction, supply chain efficiencies, reduction in energy consumption and methods of sale);
  - 1.3.3 new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Deliverables; and
  - 1.3.4 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.
- 1.4 The initial Continuous Improvement Plan for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year shall be submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer for Approval within six (6) Months following the Start Date.
- 1.5 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.

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- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 If the Buyer wishes to incorporate any improvement into this Contract, 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.
- 1.8 Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been Approved in accordance with Paragraph 1.5:
  - 1.8.1 the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement any agreed deliverables in accordance with the Continuous Improvement Plan; and
  - 1.8.2 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.
- 1.9 The Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 1.3.
- 1.10 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.
- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 At any time during the Contract Period of the 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.

## Schedule 12 (Benchmarking)

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

<b>"Benchmark Review"</b>	a review of the Deliverables carried out in accordance with this Schedule to determine whether those Deliverables represent Good Value;
<b>"Benchmarked Deliverables"</b>	any Deliverables included within the scope of a Benchmark Review pursuant to this Schedule;
<b>"Comparable Rates"</b>	the Charges for Comparable Deliverables;
<b>"Comparable Deliverables"</b>	deliverables that are identical or materially similar to the Benchmarked Deliverables (including in terms of scope, specification, volume and quality of performance) provided that if no identical or materially similar Deliverables exist in the market, the Supplier shall propose an approach for developing a comparable Deliverables benchmark;
<b>"Comparison Group"</b>	a sample group of organisations providing Comparable Deliverables which consists of organisations which are either of similar size to the Supplier or which are similarly structured in terms of their business and their service offering so as to be fair comparators with the Supplier or which, are best practice organisations;
<b>"Equivalent Data"</b>	data derived from an analysis of the Comparable Rates and/or the Comparable Deliverables (as applicable) provided by the Comparison Group;
<b>"Good Value"</b>	that the Benchmarked Rates are within the Upper Quartile; and
<b>"Upper Quartile"</b>	in respect of Benchmarked Rates, that based on an analysis of Equivalent Data, the Benchmarked Rates, as compared to the range of prices for Comparable Deliverables, are within the top 25% in terms of best value for money for the recipients of Comparable Deliverables.

## **2. When you should use this Schedule**

- 2.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer wishes to ensure that the Deliverables, represent value for money to the taxpayer throughout the Contract Period.
- 2.2 This Schedule sets out to ensure the Contract represents value for money throughout and that the Buyer may terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier if the Supplier refuses or fails to comply with its obligations as set out in Paragraph 3 of this Schedule.
- 2.3 Amounts payable under this Schedule shall not fall with the definition of a Cost.

## **3. Benchmarking**

### **3.1 How benchmarking works**

- 3.1.1 The Buyer may, by written notice to the Supplier, require a Benchmark Review of any or all of the Deliverables.
- 3.1.2 The Buyer shall not be entitled to request a Benchmark Review during the first six (6) Month period from the Start Date or at intervals of less than twelve (12) Months after any previous Benchmark Review.
- 3.1.3 The purpose of a Benchmark Review will be to establish whether the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually and/or as a whole, Good Value.
- 3.1.4 The Deliverables that are to be the Benchmarked Deliverables will be identified by the Buyer in writing.
- 3.1.5 Upon its request for a Benchmark Review the Buyer shall nominate a benchmarker. The Supplier must approve the nomination within ten (10) Working Days unless the Supplier provides a reasonable explanation for rejecting the appointment. If the appointment is rejected then the Buyer may propose an alternative benchmarker. If the Parties cannot agree the appointment within twenty (20) days of the initial request for Benchmark review then a benchmarker shall be selected by the Chartered Institute of Financial Accountants.
- 3.1.6 The cost of a benchmarker shall be borne by the Buyer (provided that each Party shall bear its own internal costs of the Benchmark Review) except where the Benchmark Review demonstrates that the Benchmarked Service and/or the Benchmarked Deliverables are not Good Value, in which case the Parties shall share the cost of the benchmarker in such proportions as the Parties agree (acting reasonably). Invoices by the benchmarker shall be raised against the Supplier and the relevant portion shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.

### **3.2 Benchmarking Process**

- 3.2.1 The benchmarker shall produce and send to the Buyer, for Approval, a draft plan for the Benchmark Review which must include:
  - a) a proposed cost and timetable for the Benchmark Review;



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- b) a description of the benchmarking methodology to be used which must demonstrate that the methodology to be used is capable of fulfilling the benchmarking purpose; and
  - c) a description of how the benchmarker will scope and identify the Comparison Group.
- 3.2.2 The benchmarker, acting reasonably, shall be entitled to use any model to determine the achievement of value for money and to carry out the benchmarking.
- 3.2.3 The Buyer must give notice in writing to the Supplier within ten (10) Working Days after receiving the draft plan, advising the benchmarker and the Supplier whether it Approves the draft plan, or, if it does not approve the draft plan, suggesting amendments to that plan (which must be reasonable). If amendments are suggested then the benchmarker must produce an amended draft plan and this Paragraph 3.2.3 shall apply to any amended draft plan.
- 3.2.4 Once both Parties have approved the draft plan then they will notify the benchmarker. No Party may unreasonably withhold or delay its Approval of the draft plan.
- 3.2.5 Once it has received the Approval of the draft plan, the benchmarker shall:
  - a) finalise the Comparison Group and collect data relating to Comparable Rates. The selection of the Comparable Rates (both in terms of number and identity) shall be a matter for the benchmarker's professional judgment using:
    - (A) information from other service providers to the Buyer;
    - (B) survey information;
    - (C) information from "in-house" providers to the Buyer to the extent that the benchmarker considers that they are valid comparators;
    - (D) market intelligence;
    - (E) the benchmarker's own data and experience;
    - (F) relevant published information; and
    - (G) pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.6 below, information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates;
  - b) by applying the adjustment factors listed in Paragraph 3.2.7 and from an analysis of the Comparable Rates, derive the Equivalent Data;
  - c) using the Equivalent Data, calculate the Upper Quartile;
  - d) determine whether or not each Benchmarked Rate is, and/or the Benchmarked Rates as a whole are, Good Value.
- 3.2.6 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours and act in good faith to supply information required by the benchmarker in order to

undertake the benchmarking. The Supplier agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to obtain information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates.

3.2.7 In carrying out the benchmarking analysis the benchmarker may have regard to the following matters when performing a comparative assessment of the Benchmarked Rates and the Comparable Rates in order to derive Equivalent Data:

- a) the contractual terms and business environment under which the Comparable Rates are being provided (including the scale and geographical spread of the customers);
- b) exchange rates;
- c) any other factors reasonably identified by the Supplier, which, if not taken into consideration, could unfairly cause the Supplier's pricing to appear non-competitive.

### **3.3 Benchmarking Report**

3.3.1 For the purposes of this Schedule "**Benchmarking Report**" shall mean the report produced by the benchmarker following the Benchmark Review and as further described in this Schedule;

3.3.2 The benchmarker shall prepare a Benchmarking Report and deliver it to the Buyer, at the time specified in the plan Approved pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.3, setting out its findings. Those findings shall be required to:

- a) include a finding as to whether or not a Benchmarked Service and/or whether the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole are, Good Value;
- b) if any of the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, not Good Value, specify the changes that would be required to make that Benchmarked Service or the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole Good Value; and
- c) include sufficient detail and transparency so that the Party requesting the Benchmarking can interpret and understand how the Supplier has calculated whether or not the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, Good Value.

3.3.3 The Parties agree that any changes required to this Contract identified in the Benchmarking Report shall be implemented at the direction of the Buyer in accordance with Clause 28 (Changing the contract).

## Schedule 13 (Contract Management)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Operational Board"</b>	the board established in accordance with Paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Project Manager"</b>	the manager appointed in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule;

### 2. Project Management

- 2.1 The Supplier and the Buyer shall each appoint a Project Manager for the purposes of this Contract through whom the provision of the Services and the Deliverables shall be managed day-to-day.
- 2.2 The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource is made available on a regular basis such that the aims, objectives and specific provisions of this Contract can be fully realised.
- 2.3 Without prejudice to Paragraph 4 below, the Parties agree to operate the boards specified as set out in the Annex to this Schedule.

### 3. Role of the Supplier Project Manager

- 3.1 The Supplier Project Manager shall be:
  - 3.1.1 the primary point of contact to receive communication from the Buyer and will also be the person primarily responsible for providing information to the Buyer;
  - 3.1.2 able to delegate his position to another person at the Supplier but must inform the Buyer before proceeding with the delegation and it will be delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Project Manager's responsibilities and obligations;
  - 3.1.3 able to cancel any delegation and recommence the position himself; and
  - 3.1.4 replaced only after the Buyer has received notification of the proposed change.
- 3.2 The Buyer may provide revised instructions to the Supplier's Project Manager in regards to the Contract and it will be the Supplier Project Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.

- 3.3 Receipt of communication from the Supplier Project Manager by the Buyer does not absolve the Supplier from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

#### **4. Role of The Operational Board**

- 4.1 The Operational Board shall be established by the Buyer for the purposes of this Contract on which the Supplier and the Buyer shall be represented.
- 4.2 The Operational Board members, frequency and location of board meetings and planned start date by which the board shall be established are set out in Annex A to the Schedule.
- 4.3 In the event that either Party wishes to replace any of its appointed board members, that Party shall notify the other in writing for approval by the other Party (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Each Buyer board member shall have at all times a counterpart Supplier board member of equivalent seniority and expertise.
- 4.4 Each Party shall ensure that its board members shall make all reasonable efforts to attend board meetings at which that board member's attendance is required. If any board member is not able to attend a board meeting, that person shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that a delegate attends the Operational Board meeting in his/her place (wherever possible) and that the delegate is properly briefed and prepared and that he/she is debriefed by such delegate after the board meeting.
- 4.5 The purpose of the Operational Board meetings will be to review the Supplier's performance under this Contract. The agenda for each meeting shall be set by the Buyer and communicated to the Supplier in advance of that meeting.

#### **5. Contract Risk Management**

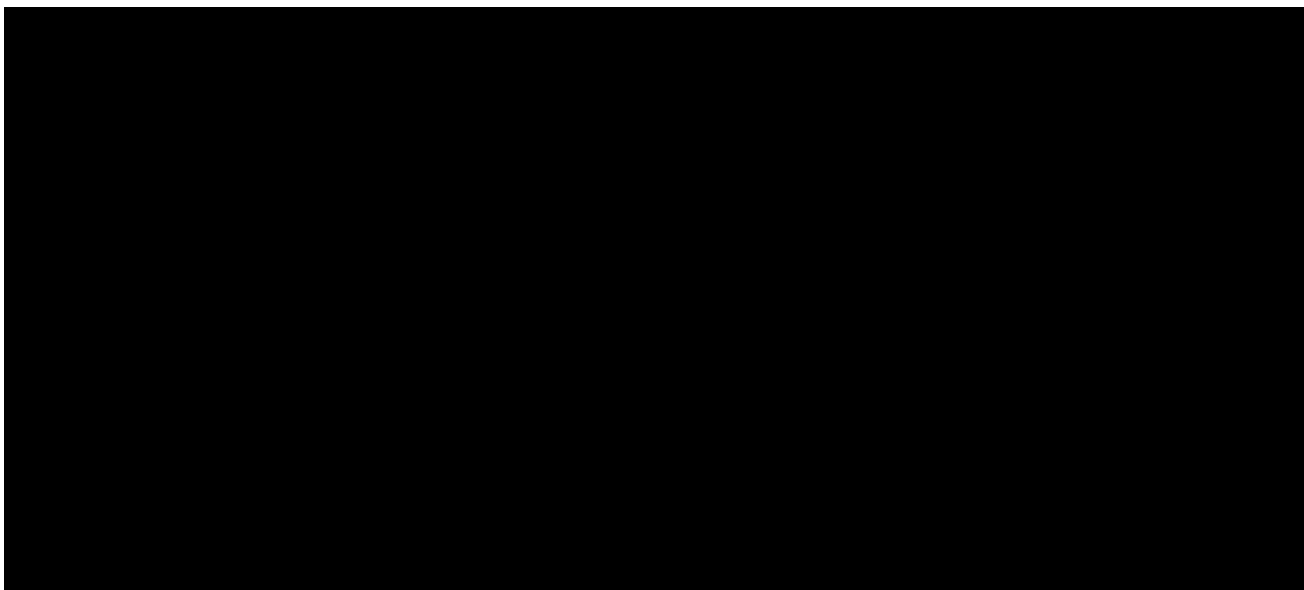
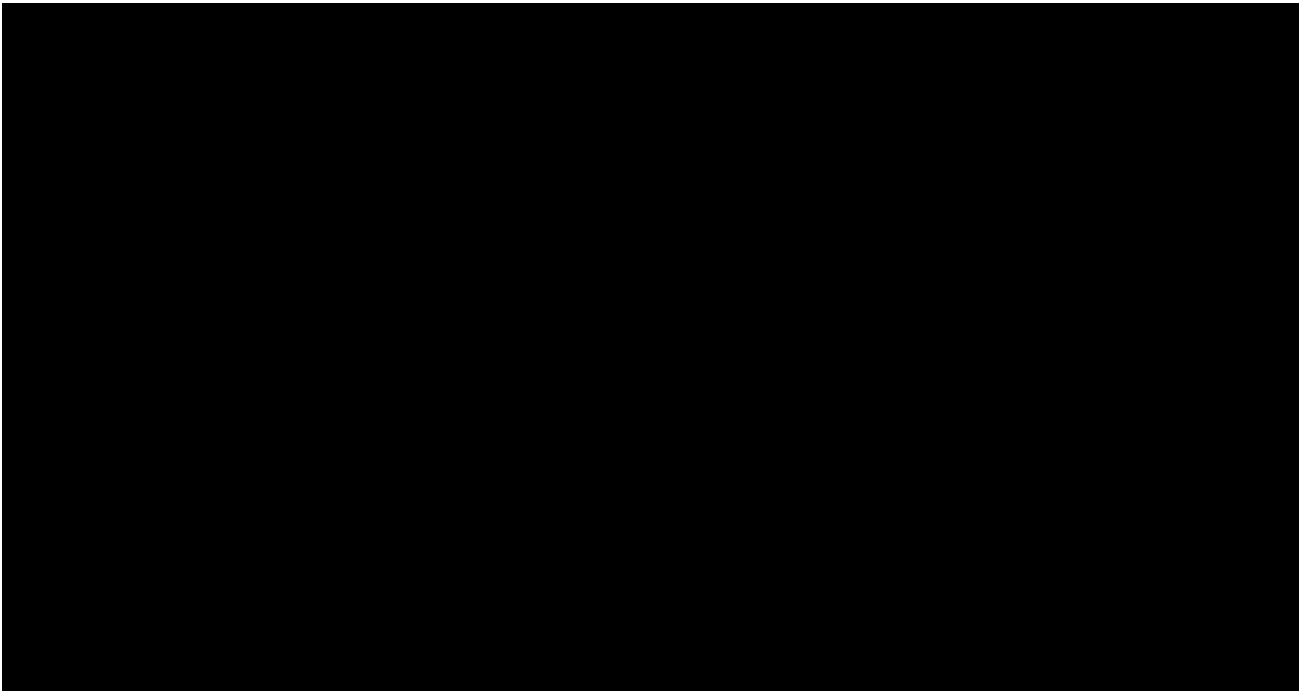
- 5.1 Both Parties shall pro-actively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Contract.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Buyer, processes for:
  - 5.2.1 the identification and management of risks;
  - 5.2.2 the identification and management of issues; and
  - 5.2.3 monitoring and controlling project plans.
- 5.3 The Supplier allows the Buyer to inspect at any time within working hours the accounts and records which the Supplier is required to keep.
- 5.4 The Supplier will maintain a risk register of the risks relating to the Contract which the Buyer and the Supplier have identified.

## **Annex: Operational Boards**

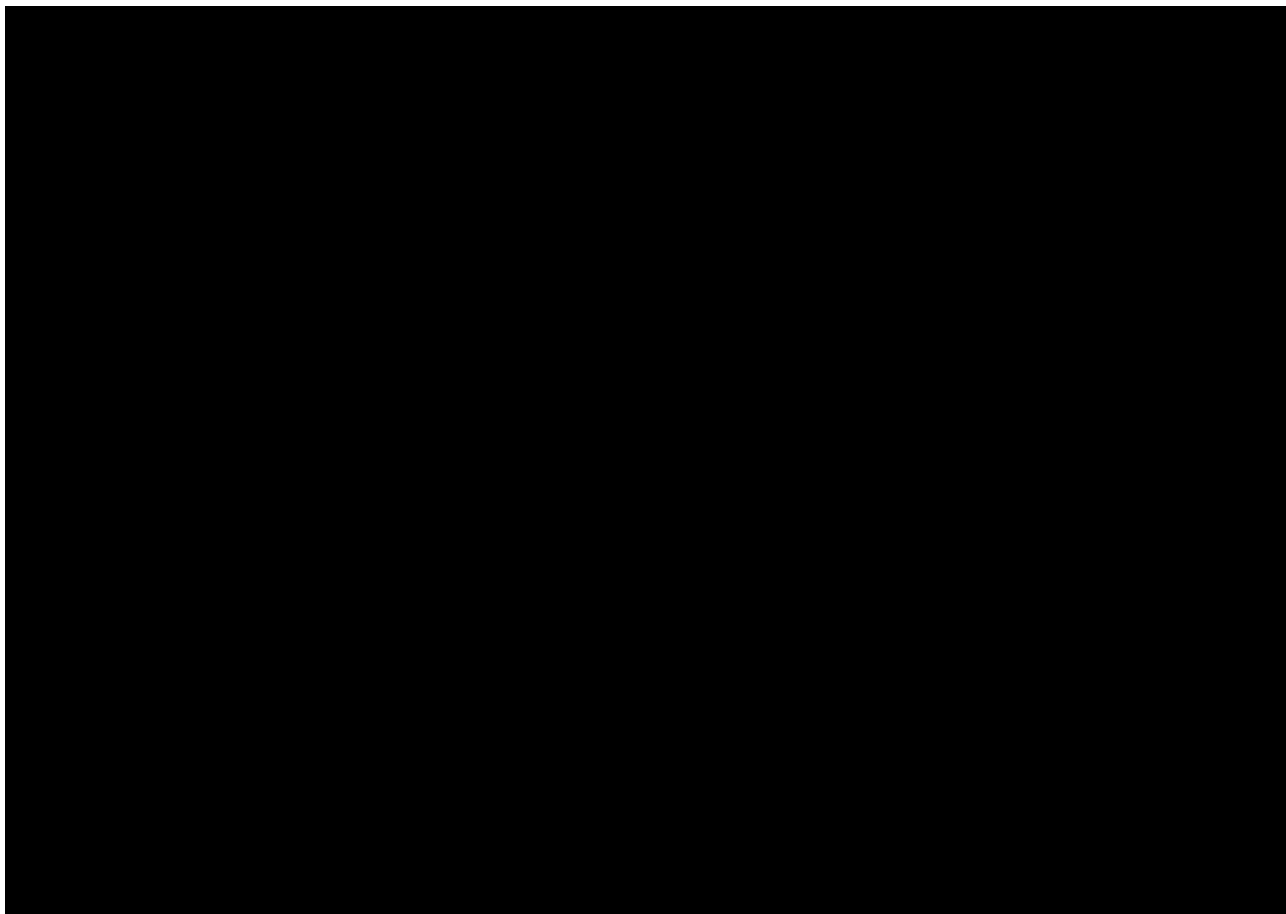
The Parties agree to operate the following boards at the locations and at the frequencies set out below:

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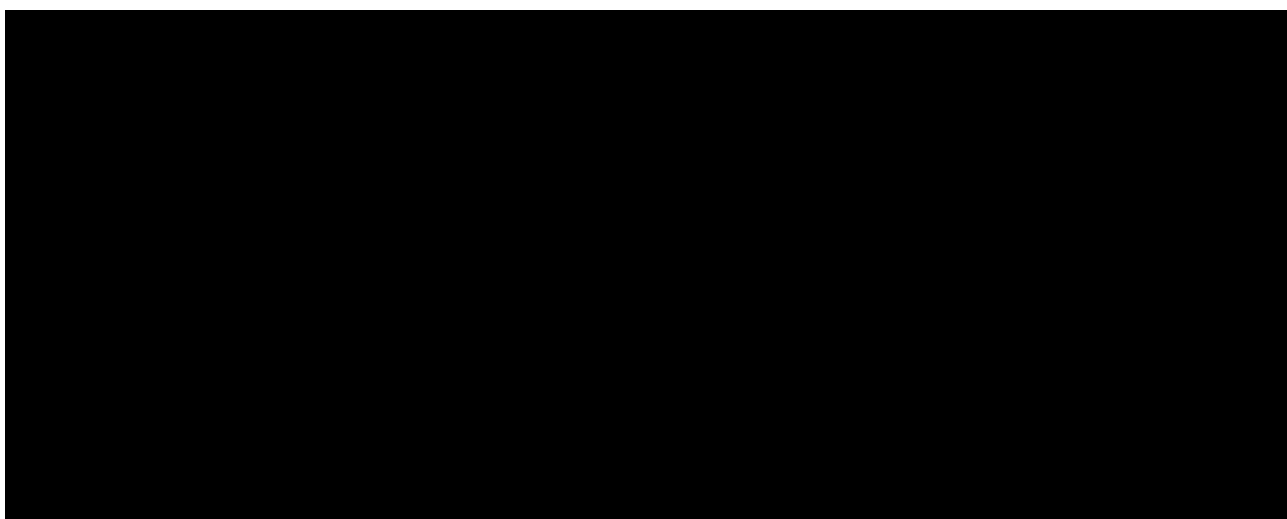
#### **Service Management Board (Monthly Performance Review) Representation and Structure**

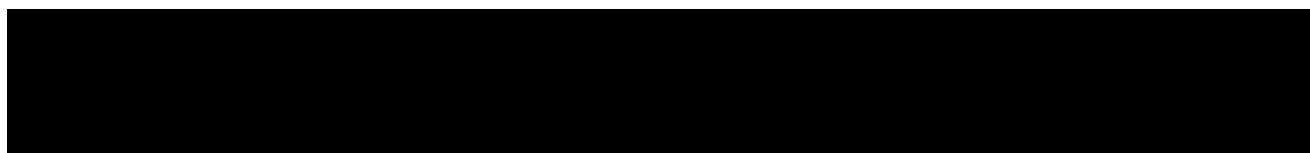


### **Transition Board Representation and Structure**



### **Clinical Governance Board Representation and Structure**





## Annex 2: Performance Monitoring Reports

Title	Content	Format	Frequency	Time period of report
1. Performance Report	Report of all Medical Service performance including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. performance against Key Performance Indicators;</li> <li>b. clerical errors;</li> <li>c. complaints;</li> <li>d. volumetric data;</li> <li>e. risks and issues; and</li> <li>f. incident management.</li> </ul>	Self-service online portal, downloadable	MI to be available in real-time	For the previous calendar month
2. Statistical and demographic report	An annual report that provides a summary of Supplier performance, outcomes, volumetrics, statistical, diagnostic and demographic information relating to the period from 1st	Self-service online portal, downloadable	Annually – provided by 30 <sup>th</sup> June following the end of the relevant Financial Year	For the previous Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)

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	April to 31st March each year.			
3.Quality audit report	A monthly report that provides assurance of the level of quality of Medical Services administration and medical assessments.	Self-service online portal, downloadable	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month
4.Financial report	A monthly report that provides a breakdown of charges and fees.	Self-service online portal, downloadable	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month
5.Aged outstanding Applications report	A monthly report that shows outstanding Applications and the length of time those Applications have been outstanding.	Self-service online portal, downloadable	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month
6. FME Report	A report detailing all FME obtained or requested by the Supplier in the previous quarter presented in such format as the Buyer reasonably requires	Self-service online portal, downloadable	Monthly – shall be provided within five (5) Working Days following the end of the calendar month	For the previous calendar month

The Supplier will agree with the Buyer the Transparency Reports required through the Term which may incorporate information from the areas set out in the table above. Please note, the above is not an exhaustive list.



## Schedule 14 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

### 1. Definitions

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

"BCDR Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule;
"Business Continuity Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.2.2 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.2.3 of this Schedule;
"Related Supplier"	any person who provides Deliverables to the Buyer which are related to the Deliverables from time to time;
"Review Report"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule; and
"Supplier's Proposals"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule;

### 2. BCDR Plan

- 2.1 Forty (40) Working Days after the Start Date, the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer for the Buyer's written approval a plan (a "**BCDR Plan**"), which shall detail the processes and arrangements that the Supplier shall follow to:
- 2.1.1 ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Deliverables; and
  - 2.1.2 the recovery of the Deliverables in the event of a Disaster
- 2.2 The BCDR Plan shall be divided into three sections:
- 2.2.1 Section 1 which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
  - 2.2.2 Section 2 which shall relate to business continuity (the "**Business Continuity Plan**"); and
  - 2.2.3 Section 3 which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "**Disaster Recovery Plan**").
- 2.3 Following receipt of the draft BCDR Plan from the Supplier, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

**3. General Principles of the BCDR Plan (Section 1)**

- 3.1 Section 1 of the BCDR Plan shall:
- 3.1.1 set out how the business continuity and disaster recovery elements of the BCDR Plan link to each other;
  - 3.1.2 provide details of how the invocation of any element of the BCDR Plan may impact upon the provision of the Deliverables and any goods and/or services provided to the Buyer by a Related Supplier;
  - 3.1.3 contain an obligation upon the Supplier to liaise with the Buyer and any Related Suppliers with respect to business continuity and disaster recovery;
  - 3.1.4 detail how the BCDR Plan interoperates with any overarching disaster recovery or business continuity plan of the Buyer and any of its other Related Supplier in each case as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer from time to time;
  - 3.1.5 contain a communication strategy including details of an incident and problem management service and advice and help desk facility which can be accessed via multiple channels;
  - 3.1.6 contain a risk analysis, including:
    - a) failure or disruption scenarios and assessments of likely frequency of occurrence;
    - b) identification of any single points of failure within the provision of Deliverables and processes for managing those risks;
    - c) identification of risks arising from an Insolvency Event of the Supplier, any Key Subcontractors and/or Supplier Group member;
    - d) identification of risks arising from the interaction of the provision of Deliverables with the goods and/or services provided by a Related Supplier; and
    - e) a business impact analysis of different anticipated failures or disruptions;
  - 3.1.7 provide for documentation of processes, including business processes, and procedures;
  - 3.1.8 set out key contact details for the Supplier (and any Subcontractors) and for the Buyer;
  - 3.1.9 identify the procedures for reverting to "normal service";
  - 3.1.10 set out method(s) of recovering or updating data collected (or which ought to have been collected) during a failure or disruption to minimise data loss;
  - 3.1.11 identify the responsibilities (if any) that the Buyer has agreed it will assume in the event of the invocation of the BCDR Plan; and

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- 3.1.12 provide for the provision of technical assistance to key contacts at the Buyer as required by the Buyer to inform decisions in support of the Buyer's business continuity plans.
- 3.2 The BCDR Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that:
  - 3.2.1 the Deliverables are provided in accordance with this Contract at all times during and after the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
  - 3.2.2 the adverse impact of any Disaster is minimised as far as reasonably possible;
  - 3.2.3 it complies with the relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27002; ISO22301/ISO22313 and all other industry standards from time to time in force; and
  - 3.2.4 it details a process for the management of disaster recovery testing.
- 3.3 The BCDR Plan shall be upgradeable and sufficiently flexible to support any changes to the Deliverables and the business operations supported by the provision of Deliverables.
- 3.4 The Supplier shall not be entitled to any relief from its obligations under the Service Levels, or to any increase in the Charges to the extent that a Disaster occurs as a consequence of any breach by the Supplier of this Contract.

#### **4. Business Continuity (Section 2)**

- 4.1 The Business Continuity Plan shall set out the arrangements that are to be invoked to ensure that the business processes facilitated by the provision of Deliverables remain supported and to ensure continuity of the business operations supported by the Services including:
  - 4.1.1 the alternative processes, options and responsibilities that may be adopted in the event of a failure in or disruption to the provision of Deliverables; and
  - 4.1.2 the steps to be taken by the Supplier upon resumption of the provision of Deliverables in order to address the effect of the failure or disruption.
- 4.2 The Business Continuity Plan shall:
  - 4.2.1 address the various possible levels of failures of or disruptions to the provision of Deliverables;
  - 4.2.2 set out the goods and/or services to be provided and the steps to be taken to remedy the different levels of failures of and disruption to the Deliverables;
  - 4.2.3 specify any applicable Service Levels with respect to the provision of the Business Continuity Services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Business Continuity Plan; and

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- 4.2.4 set out the circumstances in which the Business Continuity Plan is invoked.

### **5. Disaster Recovery (Section 3)**

- 5.1 The Disaster Recovery Plan (which shall be invoked only upon the occurrence of a Disaster) shall be designed to ensure that upon the occurrence of a Disaster the Supplier ensures continuity of the business operations of the Buyer supported by the Services following any Disaster or during any period of service failure or disruption with, as far as reasonably possible, minimal adverse impact.
- 5.2 The Supplier's BCDR Plan shall include an approach to business continuity and disaster recovery that addresses the following:
  - 5.2.1 loss of access to the Buyer Premises;
  - 5.2.2 loss of utilities to the Buyer Premises;
  - 5.2.3 loss of the Supplier's helpdesk or CAFM system;
  - 5.2.4 loss of a Subcontractor;
  - 5.2.5 emergency notification and escalation process;
  - 5.2.6 contact lists;
  - 5.2.7 staff training and awareness;
  - 5.2.8 BCDR Plan testing;
  - 5.2.9 post implementation review process;
  - 5.2.10 any applicable Service Levels with respect to the provision of the disaster recovery services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Disaster Recovery Plan;
  - 5.2.11 details of how the Supplier shall ensure compliance with security standards ensuring that compliance is maintained for any period during which the Disaster Recovery Plan is invoked;
  - 5.2.12 access controls to any disaster recovery sites used by the Supplier in relation to its obligations pursuant to this Schedule; and
  - 5.2.13 testing and management arrangements.

### **6. Review and changing the BCDR Plan**

- 6.1 The Supplier shall review the BCDR Plan:
  - 6.1.1 on a regular basis and as a minimum once every six (6) Months;
  - 6.1.2 within three (3) calendar Months of the BCDR Plan (or any part) having been invoked pursuant to Paragraph 7; and
  - 6.1.3 where the Buyer requests in writing any additional reviews (over and above those provided for in Paragraphs 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of this Schedule) whereupon the Supplier shall conduct such reviews in accordance with the Buyer's written requirements. Prior to starting

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its review, the Supplier shall provide an accurate written estimate of the total costs payable by the Buyer for the Buyer's approval. The costs of both Parties of any such additional reviews shall be met by the Buyer except that the Supplier shall not be entitled to charge the Buyer for any costs that it may incur above any estimate without the Buyer's prior written approval.

- 6.2 Each review of the BCDR Plan pursuant to Paragraph 6.1 shall assess its suitability having regard to any change to the Deliverables or any underlying business processes and operations facilitated by or supported by the Services which have taken place since the later of the original approval of the BCDR Plan or the last review of the BCDR Plan, and shall also have regard to any occurrence of any event since that date (or the likelihood of any such event taking place in the foreseeable future) which may increase the likelihood of the need to invoke the BCDR Plan. The review shall be completed by the Supplier within such period as the Buyer shall reasonably require.
- 6.3 The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each such review of the BCDR Plan, provide to the Buyer a report (a **"Review Report"**) setting out the Supplier's proposals (the **"Supplier's Proposals"**) for addressing any changes in the risk profile and its proposals for amendments to the BCDR Plan.
- 6.4 Following receipt of the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals. If the Parties are unable to agree Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 6.5 The Supplier shall as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the approval of the Supplier's Proposals effect any change in its practices or procedures necessary so as to give effect to the Supplier's Proposals. Any such change shall be at the Supplier's expense unless it can be reasonably shown that the changes are required because of a material change to the risk profile of the Deliverables.

## 7. Testing the BCDR Plan

- 7.1 The Supplier shall test the BCDR Plan:
  - 7.1.1 regularly and in any event not less than once in every Contract Year;
  - 7.1.2 in the event of any major reconfiguration of the Deliverables
  - 7.1.3 at any time where the Buyer considers it necessary (acting in its sole discretion).
- 7.2 If the Buyer requires an additional test of the BCDR Plan, it shall give the Supplier written notice and the Supplier shall conduct the test in accordance with the Buyer's requirements and the relevant provisions of the BCDR Plan. The Supplier's costs of the additional test shall be borne by the Buyer

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unless the BCDR Plan fails the additional test in which case the Supplier's costs of that failed test shall be borne by the Supplier.

- 7.3 The Supplier shall undertake and manage testing of the BCDR Plan in full consultation with and under the supervision of the Buyer and shall liaise with the Buyer in respect of the planning, performance, and review, of each test, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Buyer.
- 7.4 The Supplier shall ensure that any use by it or any Subcontractor of "live" data in such testing is first approved with the Buyer. Copies of live test data used in any such testing shall be (if so required by the Buyer) destroyed or returned to the Buyer on completion of the test.
- 7.5 The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each test, provide to the Buyer a report setting out:
  - 7.5.1 the outcome of the test;
  - 7.5.2 any failures in the BCDR Plan (including the BCDR Plan's procedures) revealed by the test; and
  - 7.5.3 the Supplier's proposals for remedying any such failures.
- 7.6 Following each test, the Supplier shall take all measures requested by the Buyer to remedy any failures in the BCDR Plan and such remedial activity and re-testing shall be completed by the Supplier, at its own cost, by the date reasonably required by the Buyer.

#### **8. Invoking the BCDR Plan**

- 8.1 In the event of a complete loss of service or in the event of a Disaster, the Supplier shall immediately invoke the BCDR Plan (and shall inform the Buyer promptly of such invocation). In all other instances the Supplier shall invoke or test the BCDR Plan only with the prior consent of the Buyer.

#### **9. Circumstances beyond your control**

- 9.1 The Supplier shall not be entitled to relief under Clause 24 (Circumstances beyond your control) if it would not have been impacted by the Force Majeure Event had it not failed to comply with its obligations under this Schedule.

## Schedule 16 (Security)

### Part A: Short Form Security Requirements

#### 1. Definitions

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

**"Breach of Security"**

the occurrence of:

- a) 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
- b) 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 there with in accordance with Paragraph 2.1;

**"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 as updated from time to time.

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

- 2.1 The Supplier shall comply with the requirements in this Schedule in respect of the Security Management Plan. Where specified by a Buyer 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.
- 2.2 Where the Security Policy applies the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.
- 2.3 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.

- 2.4 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.

### **3. Security Standards**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of its security obligations and shall at all times provide a level of security which:
- 3.2.1 is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
  - 3.2.2 as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
  - 3.2.3 meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the Deliverables and/or the Government Data; and
  - 3.2.4 where specified by the Buyer in accordance with Paragraph 2.1 complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.

### **4. Security Management Plan**

#### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 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.

#### **4.2 Content of the Security Management Plan**

- 4.2.1 The Security Management Plan shall:
- a) comply with the principles of security set out in Paragraph 3 and any other provisions of this Contract relevant to security;
  - b) identify the necessary delegated organisational roles for those responsible for ensuring it is complied with by the Supplier;



- c) 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;
- d) 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;
- e) 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;
- f) 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 the Security Policy as set out in Paragraph 2.1 ; and
- g) 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.

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

- 4.3.1 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.
- 4.3.2 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.

4.3.3 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.

4.3.4 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.

#### **4.4 Amendment of the Security Management Plan**

4.4.1 The Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier at least annually to reflect:

- a) emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
- b) any change or proposed change to the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
- c) where necessary in accordance with Paragraph 2.2, any change to the Security Policy;
- d) any new perceived or changed security threats; and
- e) any reasonable change in requirements requested by the Buyer.

4.4.2 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:

- a) suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the Security Management Plan;
- b) updates to the risk assessments; and
- c) suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.

4.4.3 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.

- 4.4.4 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.

## **5. Security breach**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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:
- 5.2.1 immediately use all reasonable endeavours (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Buyer) necessary to:
- a) minimise the extent of actual or potential harm caused by any Breach of Security;
  - b) 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;
  - c) prevent an equivalent breach in the future exploiting the same cause failure; and
  - d) 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.
- 5.3 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 2.1 ) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

## Schedule 18 (Supply Chain Visibility)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Contracts Finder"</b>		the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
<b>"SME"</b>		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 sized enterprises;
<b>"Supply Chain Information Report Template"</b>		the document at Annex 1 of this Schedule 18; and
<b>"Unconnected contract"</b>	<b>Sub-</b>	any contract or agreement which is not a Sub-contract and is between the Supplier and a third party (which is not an Affiliate of the Supplier) and is a qualifying contract under regulation 6 of The Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017
<b>"Unconnected contractor"</b>	<b>Sub-</b>	any third party with whom the Supplier enters into an Unconnected Sub-contract

### 2. Visibility of Sub-Contract Opportunities in the Supply Chain

- 2.1 The Supplier shall:
- 2.1.1 subject to Paragraph 2.3, advertise on Contracts Finder all Sub-Contract opportunities arising from or in connection with the provision of the Deliverables above a minimum threshold of £25,000 that arise during the Contract Period;
  - 2.1.2 within 90 days of awarding a Sub-Contract to a Subcontractor, update the notice on Contract Finder with details of the successful Subcontractor;
  - 2.1.3 monitor the number, type and value of the Sub-Contract opportunities placed on Contracts Finder advertised and awarded in its supply chain during the Contract Period;

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- 2.1.4 provide reports on the information at Paragraph 2.1.3 to the Buyer in the format and frequency as reasonably specified by the Buyer; and
- 2.1.5 promote Contracts Finder to its suppliers and encourage those organisations to register on Contracts Finder.
- 2.2 Each advert referred to at Paragraph 2.1.1 of this Schedule 18 shall provide a full and detailed description of the Sub-Contract opportunity with each of the mandatory fields being completed on Contracts Finder by the Supplier.
- 2.3 The obligations on the Supplier set out at Paragraph 2.1 shall only apply in respect of Sub-Contract opportunities arising after the Start Date.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding Paragraph 2.1, the Buyer may by giving its prior Approval, agree that a Sub-Contract opportunity is not required to be advertised by the Supplier on Contracts Finder.

### **3. Visibility of Supply Chain Spend**

- 3.1 In addition to any other management information requirements set out in the Contract, the Supplier agrees and acknowledges that it shall, at no charge, provide timely, full, accurate and complete SME management information reports (the “SME Management Information Reports”) to the Buyer which incorporates the data described in the Supply Chain Information Report Template which is:
  - 3.1.1 the total contract revenue received directly on the Contract;
  - 3.1.2 the total value of sub-contracted revenues under the Contract (including revenues for non-SMEs/non-VCSEs); and
  - 3.1.3 the total value of sub-contracted revenues to SMEs and VCSEs.
- 3.2 The SME Management Information Reports shall be provided by the Supplier in the correct format as required by the Supply Chain Information Report Template and any guidance issued by the Buyer from time to time. The Supplier agrees that it shall use the Supply Chain Information Report Template to provide the information detailed at Paragraph 3.1.1 –3.1.3 and acknowledges that the template may be changed from time to time (including the data required and/or format) by the Buyer issuing a replacement version. The Buyer agrees to give at least thirty (30) days’ notice in writing of any such change and shall specify the date from which it must be used.
- 3.3 The Supplier further agrees and acknowledges that it may not make any amendment to the Supply Chain Information Report Template without the prior Approval of the Buyer.

### **4 Visibility of Payment Practice**

- 4.1 If this Contract has at the Start Date an anticipated contract value in excess of £5 million per annum (excluding VAT) averaged over the Contract Period and

without prejudice to Clause 4.6, Clause 8.2.1(b) and 8.2.2(b), the Supplier shall:

- (a) pay any sums which are due from it to any Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor pursuant to any invoice (or other notice of an amount for payment) on the earlier of:
  - (i) the date set out for payment in the relevant Sub-contract or Unconnected Sub-contract; or
  - (ii) the date that falls sixty (60) days after the day on which the Supplier receives an invoice (or otherwise has notice of an amount for payment); and
- (b) include within the Supply Chain Information Report a summary of its compliance with this Paragraph 4, such data to be certified every six months by a director of the Supplier as being accurate and not misleading.

4.2 If any Supply Chain Information Report shows that in either of the last two six month periods the Supplier failed to pay 95% or above of all Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor invoices (or other notice of an amount for payment) within sixty (60) days of receipt, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer within 15 Working Days of submission of the latest Supply Chain Information Report an action plan (the “**Action Plan**”) for improvement. The Action Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) identification of the primary causes of failure to pay 95% or above of all Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor invoices (or other notice of an amount for payment) within sixty (60) days of receipt;
- (b) actions to address each of the causes set out in Sub-Paragraph ((a)); and
- (c) mechanism for and commitment to regular reporting on progress to the Supplier’s Board.

4.3 Where the Supplier fails to pay any sums due to any Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor in accordance with the terms set out in the relevant Sub-contract or Unconnected Sub-contract, the Action Plan shall include details of the steps the Supplier will take to address this.

4.4 The Supplier shall comply with the Action Plan or any similar action plan connected to the payment of Sub-contractors or Unconnected Sub-contractors which is required to be submitted to the Buyer as part of the procurement process and such action plan shall be included as part of the Supplier’s Solution (to the extent it is not already included).

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- 4.5 If the Supplier notifies the Buyer (whether in a Supply Chain Report or otherwise) that the Supplier has failed to pay 95% or above of its Unconnected Sub-contractors within sixty (60) days after the day on which the Supplier receives an invoice or otherwise has notice of an amount for payment, or the Buyer otherwise discovers the same, the Buyer shall be entitled to publish the details of the late or non-payment (including on government websites and in the press).

## Annex 1 - Supply Chain Information Report template

	Contract Year 20[ ]			
	Under this Contract		Supplier as a whole	
	£	%	£	%
Estimated total contract revenue (£) to be received in this Contract Year	£[ ]	100%	£[ ]	100%
Total value of Sub-contracted revenues (£) in this Contract Year	£[ ]	[ ]	£[ ]	[ ]
Total value of Sub-contracted revenues to SMEs (£) in this Contract Year	£[ ]	[ ]	£[ ]	[ ]
Total value of Sub-contracted revenues to VCSEs (£) in this Contract Year	£[ ]	[ ]	£[ ]	[ ]



## Schedule 21 (Variation Form)

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# Schedule 21 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 28 of the Core Terms (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details		
This variation is between:	NHS Business Services Authority ("the Buyer") And [insert name of Supplier] ("the Supplier")	
Contract name:	[insert name of contract to be changed] ("the Contract")	
Contract reference number:	[insert contract reference number]	
Details of Proposed Variation		
Variation initiated by:	[delete as applicable: 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 assessment of impact]	
Outcome of Variation		
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Buyer to insert original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause]</li></ul>	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ [insert amount]
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]
	New Contract value:	£ [insert amount]

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 the Buyer
2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.

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3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

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Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Buyer

Signature .....

Date .....

Name (in Capitals) .....

Address .....

.....  
Signed by an authorised signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier

Signature .....

Date .....

Name (in Capitals) .....

Address .....

## Schedule 22 (Insurance Requirements)

### 1. The insurance you need to have

- 1.1 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 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 Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and
- 1.2 The Insurances shall be:
  - 1.2.1 maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
  - 1.2.2 (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;
  - 1.2.3 taken out and maintained with insurers of good financial standing and good repute in the international insurance market; and
  - 1.2.4 maintained until the End Date except in relation to Professional Indemnity where required under the Annex Part C which shall be maintained for at least six (6) years after the End Date.
- 1.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the public and products liability policy contain an indemnity to principals clause under which the Buyer shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Buyer 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.

### 2. How to manage the insurance

- 2.1 Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Supplier shall:
  - 2.1.1 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;
  - 2.1.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances of which the Supplier is or becomes aware; and
  - 2.1.3 hold all policies in respect of the Insurances and cause any insurance broker effecting the Insurances to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the Insurances to which it is a party.

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

- 3.1 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.

- 3.2 Where the Supplier has failed to purchase or maintain any of the Insurances in full force and effect, the Buyer 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.

#### **4. Evidence of insurance you must provide**

- 4.1 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 Buyer, that the Insurances are in force and effect and meet in full the requirements of this Schedule.

#### **5. Making sure you are insured to the required amount**

- 5.1 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 Buyer and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

#### **6. Cancelled Insurance**

- 6.1 The Supplier shall notify the Buyer in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or non-renewal of any of the Insurances.
- 6.2 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 Buyer (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.

#### **7. Insurance claims**

- 7.1 The Supplier shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Deliverables, or the Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Buyer receives a claim relating to or arising out of the Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall co-operate with the Buyer and assist it in dealing with such claims including without limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.
- 7.2 Except where the Buyer is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Buyer notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any insurance claim in excess of £0 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

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policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Buyer) full details of the incident giving rise to the claim.

- 7.3 Where any Insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier shall be liable for and shall promptly pay such premium.
- 7.4 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 Buyer any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.

## ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

### PART A: THIRD PARTY PUBLIC AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY INSURANCE

#### 1 Insured

- 1.1 The Supplier

#### 2 Interest

- 2.1 To indemnify the Insured in respect of all sums which the Insured shall become legally liable to pay as damages, including claimant's costs and expenses, in respect of accidental:

- (a) death or bodily injury to or sickness, illness or disease contracted by any person; and
- (b) loss of or damage to physical property;

happening during the period of insurance (as specified in Paragraph 5) and arising out of or in connection with the provision of the Deliverables and in connection with this Contract.

#### 3 Limit of indemnity

- 3.1 Not less than **£10,000,000** respect of any one occurrence, the number of occurrences being unlimited in any annual policy period, but **£10,000,000** in the aggregate per annum in respect of products and pollution liability (to the extent insured by the relevant policy).

#### 4 Territorial limits

European Union

##### Period of insurance

- 4.1 From the date of this Contract for the period of the Contract and renewable on an annual basis unless agreed otherwise by the Buyer in writing.

#### 5 Cover features and extensions

- 5.1 Indemnity to principals clause under which the Buyer shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Buyer in respect of death or bodily injury or third party property damage arising out of or in connection with the Contract and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

#### 6 Principal exclusions

- 6.1 War and related perils.
- 6.2 Nuclear and radioactive risks.
- 6.3 Liability for death, illness, disease or bodily injury sustained by employees of the Insured arising out of the course of their employment.

- 6.4 Liability arising out of the use of mechanically propelled vehicles whilst required to be compulsorily insured by applicable Law in respect of such vehicles.
- 6.5 Liability in respect of predetermined penalties or liquidated damages imposed under any contract entered into by the Insured.
- 6.6 Liability arising out of technical or professional advice other than in respect of death or bodily injury to persons or damage to third party property.
- 6.7 Liability arising from the ownership, possession or use of any aircraft or marine vessel.
- 6.8 Liability arising from seepage and pollution unless caused by a sudden, unintended, unexpected and accidental occurrence.
- 7 Maximum deductible threshold**
  - 7.1 Not to exceed **£250.00** for each and every third party property damage claim (personal injury claims to be paid in full).

## **PART B: UNITED KINGDOM COMPULSORY INSURANCES**

The Supplier shall meet its insurance obligations under applicable Law in full, including, United Kingdom employers' liability insurance and motor third party liability insurance.

## **PART C: ADDITIONAL INSURANCES**

### **Professional Indemnity Insurance**

#### **1 Insured**

The Supplier

#### **2 Interest**

To indemnify the Insured for all sums which the Insured shall become legally liable to pay (including claimants' costs and expenses) as a result of claims first made against the Insured during the period of insurance (as specified in paragraph 5) by reason of any negligent act, error and/or omission arising from or in connection with the provision of the Services.

#### **3 Limit of indemnity**

Not less than **£5,000,000** in respect of any one claim and in the aggregate per annum, exclusive of defence costs which are payable in addition.



**4 Territorial Limits**

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**5 Period of insurance**

From the date of this Agreement and renewable on an annual basis unless agreed otherwise by the Authority in writing (a) throughout the Term or until earlier termination of this Agreement and (b) for a period of six (6) years thereafter.

**6 Cover features and extensions**

Retroactive cover to apply to any claims made policy wording in respect of this Agreement or retroactive date to be no later than the Effective Date.

**7 Principal exclusions**

7.1 War and related perils

7.2 Nuclear and radioactive risks

**8 Maximum deductible threshold**

Not to exceed £250.00 for each and every claim.

## Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>“Applicable Financial Indicators”</b>	means the financial indicators from Part C of Annex 2 which are to apply to the Monitored Suppliers as set out in Part B of Annex 3;
<b>"Credit Rating Threshold"</b>	the minimum credit rating level for each entity in the FDE Group as set out in Part A of Annex 2;
<b>“Credit Reference Agencies”</b>	the credit reference agencies listed in Part B of Annex 1;
<b>“Credit Score Notification Trigger”</b>	the minimum size of any downgrade in a credit score, set out in Part B of Annex 2, which triggers a Credit Score Notification Trigger Event;
<b>“Credit Score Notification Trigger Event”</b>	any downgrade of a credit score which is equal to or greater than the Credit Score Notification Trigger;
<b>"Credit Score Threshold"</b>	the minimum credit score level for each entity in the FDE Group as set out in Part B of Annex 2;
<b>“FDE Group”</b>	means the Supplier, Key Sub-contractors and the Monitored Suppliers;
<b>"Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan"</b>	a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs. This plan should include what the Buyer would need to put in place to ensure performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with this Contract up to and including any Insolvency Event in respect of the relevant FDE Group entity;
<b>“Financial Indicators”</b>	in respect of the Supplier, Key Sub-contractors and the Guarantor, means each of the financial indicators set out at Part C of Annex 2; and in respect of each Monitored

	Supplier, means those Applicable Financial Indicators;
<b>"Financial Target Thresholds"</b>	means the target thresholds for each of the Financial Indicators set out at Part C of Annex 2;
<b>"Primary Metric"</b>	credit rating pursuant to Paragraph 3.3/credit score pursuant to Paragraph 4.3/financial indicators pursuant to Paragraph 5.4
<b>"Monitored Supplier"</b>	those entities specified in Part B of Annex 3; and
<b>"Rating Agencies"</b>	the rating agencies listed in Part A of Annex 1.

## **2. When this Schedule applies**

- 2.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the FDE Group and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.
- 2.2 The terms of this Schedule shall survive under the Contract until the termination or expiry of the Contract.

## **3. Credit Ratings**

- 3.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to the Buyer that as at the Start Date the long-term credit ratings issued for each entity in the FDE Group by each of the Rating Agencies are as set out in Part A of Annex 2.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall:
  - 3.2.1 regularly monitor the credit ratings of each entity in the FDE Group with the Rating Agencies; and
  - 3.2.2 promptly (and in any event within five (5) Working Days) notify the Buyer in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for any entity in the FDE Group.
- 3.3 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred, and for the purposes of determining relief under Paragraph 8 if credit rating is the Primary Metric, the credit rating of an FDE Group entity shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if any of the Rating Agencies have given a credit rating level for that FDE Group entity which is below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

#### **4. Credit Scores**

- 4.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to the Buyer that as at the Start Date the credit scores issued for each entity in the FDE Group by each of the Credit Reference Agencies are as set out in Part B of Annex 2.
- 4.2 The Supplier shall:
  - 4.2.1 regularly monitor the credit scores of each entity in the FDE Group with the Credit Reference Agencies; and
  - 4.2.2 promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) the Buyer in writing if there is any Credit Score Notification Trigger Event for any entity in the FDE Group (and in any event within five (5) Working Days).
- 4.3 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred, and for the purposes of determining relief under Paragraph 8 if credit score is the Primary Metric, the credit score of an FDE Group entity shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Score Threshold if any of the Credit Reference Agencies have given a credit score for that FDE Group entity which is below the applicable Credit Score Threshold.

#### **5. Financial Indicators**

- 5.1 The Supplier shall monitor and report on the Financial Indicators for each entity in the FDE Group against the Financial Target Thresholds at least at the frequency set out for each at Part C of Annex 2 (where specified) and in any event, on a regular basis and no less than once a year within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the accounting reference date
- 5.2 Subject to the calculation methodology set out at Annex 4 of this Schedule, the Financial Indicators and the corresponding calculations and thresholds used to determine whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred in respect of those Financial Indicators, shall be as set out in Appendix I: *Standard Financial Ratios of Assessing and Monitoring the Economic and Financial Standing of Bidders and Suppliers – May 2021* (as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time) which as at the Start Date can be found at:  
  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/987132/Assessing and monitoring the economic and financial standing of suppliers guidance note May 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/987132/Assessing_and_monitoring_the_economic_and_financial_standing_of_suppliers_guidance_note_May_2021.pdf)
- 5.3 Each report submitted by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 shall:
  - 5.3.1 be a single report with separate sections for each of the FDE Group entities;
  - 5.3.2 contain a sufficient level of information to enable the Buyer to verify the calculations that have been made in respect of the Financial Indicators;

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- 5.3.3 include key financial and other supporting information (including any accounts data that has been relied on) as separate annexes; and
  - 5.3.4 be based on the audited accounts for the date or period on which the Financial Indicator is based or, where the Financial Indicator is not linked to an accounting period or an accounting reference date, on unaudited management accounts prepared in accordance with their normal timetable; and
  - 5.3.5 include a history of the Financial Indicators reported by the Supplier in graph form to enable the Buyer to easily analyse and assess the trends in financial performance.
- 5.4 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred, and for the purposes of determining relief under Paragraph 8 if financial indicators are the Primary Metric, the Financial Indicator of an FDE Group entity shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Financial Target Threshold if:
  - 5.4.1 a report submitted by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 shows that any FDE Group entity has failed to meet or exceed the Financial Target Threshold for any of the Financial Indicators set out in Part C of Annex 2 of this Schedule;
  - 5.4.2 a report submitted by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 does not comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph 5.3; or
  - 5.4.3 the Supplier does not deliver a report pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 in accordance with the applicable monitoring and reporting frequency.

## **6. What happens if there is a financial distress event**

- 6.1 The Supplier shall promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) the Buyer in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event and in any event, ensure that such notification is made within 10 Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event.
- 6.2 In the event of a Financial Distress Event then, immediately upon notification of the Financial Distress Event (or if the Buyer becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event without notification and brings the event to the attention of the Supplier), the Supplier shall have the obligations and the Buyer shall have the rights and remedies as set out in Paragraphs 6.4 to 6.6.
- 6.3 In the event that a Financial Distress Event arises due to a Key Subcontractor notifying the Buyer that the Supplier has not satisfied any

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sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute then, the Buyer shall not exercise any of its rights or remedies under Paragraph 6.4 without first giving the Supplier ten (10) Working Days to:

- 6.3.1 rectify such late or non-payment; or
- 6.3.2 demonstrate to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that there is a valid reason for late or non-payment.

6.4 The Supplier shall (and shall procure that each Additional FDE Group Member shall):

- 6.4.1 at the request of the Buyer meet the Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within three (3) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event) to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of the Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance the Contract; and
- 6.4.2 where the Buyer reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 6.4.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance of the Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract:
  - a) submit to the Buyer for its Approval, a draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, within ten (10) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event);
  - b) use reasonable endeavours to put in place the necessary measures with each Additional FDE Group Member to ensure that it is able to provide financial information relating to that Additional FDE Group Member to the Buyer; and
  - c) provide such financial information relating to FDE Group entity as the Buyer may reasonably require.

6.5 If the Buyer does not (acting reasonably) approve the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, it shall inform the Supplier of its reasons and the Supplier shall take those reasons into account in the preparation of a further draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, which shall be resubmitted to the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of the rejection of the first or subsequent (as the case may be) drafts. This process shall be repeated until the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is either:

- 6.5.1 Approved;
- 6.5.2 referred, by notice sent by either Party to the other Party explaining why it thinks the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan has not been Approved, to commercial

negotiation led by senior representatives who have authority to agree the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (to be held within 28 days of the date of the notice); or

6.5.3 finally rejected by the Buyer.

6.6 Following Approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by the Buyer, the Supplier shall:

6.6.1 on a regular basis (which shall not be less than Monthly), review the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date to ensure the continued performance the Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract;

6.6.2 provide a written report of the results of each review and assessment carried out under Paragraph 6.6.1 to the Buyer;

6.6.3 where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 6.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to the Buyer for its Approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 6.5 shall apply to the review and Approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and

6.6.4 comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).

6.7 Where the Supplier reasonably believes that the relevant Financial Distress Event (or the circumstance or matter which has caused or otherwise led to it) no longer exists, it shall notify the Buyer and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 6.6.

## **7. When the Buyer can terminate for financial distress**

7.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate this Contract for material Default if:

7.1.1 the Supplier fails to notify the Buyer of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 6.1;

7.1.2 the Supplier fails to comply with any part of Paragraph 6.4;

7.1.3 subject to Paragraph 7.2, the Buyer finally rejects a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 6.5.3;

7.1.4 the senior representatives who have authority to agree the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (acting reasonably) do not meet within 28 days of the date of the notice of referral pursuant to Paragraph 6.5.2;

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- 7.1.5 the senior representatives who have authority to agree the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (acting reasonably) do not agree the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan after it has been referred pursuant to Paragraph 6.5.2; and/or
  - 7.1.6 the Supplier fails to comply with the terms of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 6.6.4.
- 7.2 A material Default may only occur under Paragraph 7.1.3 after the expiry of the first five (5) Working Days period for the Supplier to submit a revised draft of the first draft of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan starting on and from the date on which the Buyer first notified the Supplier that Supplier must submit a revised draft of the first draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan.

### **8. What happens If your Primary Metric is still good**

Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 6, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Supplier evidences to the Buyer's satisfaction that the Primary Metric shows that the Financial Distress Event no longer exists, then:

- 8.1 the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 6.4 to 6.6; and
- 8.2 the Buyer shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 6.4.2c).



# **ANNEX 1: RATING AGENCIES AND CREDIT REFERENCE AGENCIES**

## **Part A: Rating Agencies**

Rating Agency 1 Dunn & Bradstreet

- Credit Rating Level 1 = 1 – Minimal Risk
- Credit Rating Level 2 = 2 – Low Risk
- Credit Rating Level 3 = 3 – Slightly greater than average risk
- Credit Rating Level 4 = 4 – Significant level of risk

## **Part B: Credit Reference Agencies**

Rating Agency 1 Dunn & Bradstreet

## ANNEX 2: CREDIT RATINGS, CREDIT SCORES AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

### Part A: Credit Rating

Entity	Credit rating (long term)	Credit Rating Threshold
Supplier	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

## Schedule 25 (Rectification Plan)

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

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

## Schedule 26 (Sustainability)

### Definitions

<b>“Modern Slavery Assessment Tool”</b>	means the modern slavery risk identification and management tool which can be found online at: <a href="https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/msat">https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/msat</a> ]
<b>“Supply Chain Map”</b>	means details of (i) the Supplier, (ii) all Subcontractors and (iii) any other entity that the Supplier is aware is in its supply chain that is not a Subcontractor, setting out at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the name, registered office and company registration number of each entity in the supply chain;</li><li>(b) the function of each entity in the supply chain; and</li><li>(c) the location of any premises at which an entity in the supply chain carries out a function in the supply chain;]</li></ul>
<b>“Waste Hierarchy”</b>	means prioritisation of waste management in the following order of preference as set out in the Waste (England and Wales) Regulation 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Prevention;</li><li>(b) Preparing for re-use;</li><li>(c) Recycling;</li><li>(d) Other Recovery; and</li><li>(e) Disposal.</li></ul>

### Part A

#### 1. Public Sector Equality Duty

1.1. In addition to legal obligations, where the Supplier is providing a Deliverable to which the Public Sector Equality duty applies, the Supplier shall support the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under the Contract in a way that seeks to:

1.1.1. eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010; and

1.1.2. advance:

1.1.2.1. equality of opportunity; and

1.1.2.2. 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.

## **2. Employment Law**

2.1. The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of all applicable Law regarding employment.

## **3. Modern Slavery**

3.1. The Supplier:

- 3.1.1. shall not use, nor allow its Subcontractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;
- 3.1.2. shall not require any Supplier Staff or Subcontractor Staff to lodge deposits or identity papers with the employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;
- 3.1.3. warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world;
- 3.1.4. 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 offences anywhere around the world;
- 3.1.5. shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world;
- 3.1.6. shall have and maintain throughout the Term its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and include in its contracts with its Subcontractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- 3.1.7. 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 the Contract;
- 3.1.8. shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer, 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 this Paragraph 3;

- 3.1.9. 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;
- 3.1.10. shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its Subcontractors; and
- 3.1.11. shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

#### **4. Environmental Requirements**

- 4.1. The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting in all material respects the requirements of all applicable Laws regarding the environment.
- 4.2. In performing its obligations under the Contract, the Supplier shall, where applicable to the Contract, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer:
  - 4.2.1. prioritise waste management in accordance with the Waste Hierarchy as set out in Law;
  - 4.2.2. be responsible for ensuring that any waste generated by the Supplier and sent for recycling, disposal or other recovery as a consequence of this Contract is taken by a licensed waste carrier to an authorised site for treatment or disposal and that the disposal or treatment of waste complies with the Law; and
  - 4.2.3. ensure that it and any third parties used to undertake recycling, disposal or other recovery as a consequence of this Contract do so in a legally compliant way, and can demonstrate that reasonable checks are undertaken to ensure this on a regular basis and provide relevant data and evidence of recycling, recovery and disposal.
- 4.3. In circumstances that a permit, licence or exemption to carry or send waste generated under this Contract is revoked, the Supplier shall cease to carry or send waste or allow waste to be carried by any Subcontractor until authorisation is obtained from the Environment Agency.
- 4.4. In performing its obligations under the Contract, the Supplier shall to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer (where the anticipated Charges in any Contract Year are above £5 million per annum (excluding VAT)), where related to and proportionate to the contract in accordance with PPN 06/21), publish and maintain a credible Carbon Reduction Plan in accordance with PPN 06/21.
- 4.5. 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>.

## **5. Supplier Code of Conduct**

5.1. In February 2019, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government which can be found online at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/779660/20190220-Supplier Code of Conduct.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779660/20190220-Supplier_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)

The Buyer expects to meet, and expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet, the standards set out in that Code.

## **6. Reporting**

The Supplier shall comply with reasonable requests by the Buyer for information evidencing compliance with any of the requirements in Paragraphs 1-5 of this Part A above within fourteen (14) days of such request, provided that such requests are limited to two per requirement per Contract Year.



## Schedule 27 (Key Subcontractors)

### 1. Restrictions on certain subcontractors

- 1.1 The Supplier is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under the Contract to the Key Subcontractors set out in the Award Form.
- 1.2 Where during the Contract Period the Supplier wishes to enter into a new Key Sub-contract or replace a Key Subcontractor, it must obtain the prior written consent of the Buyer and the Supplier shall, at the time of requesting such consent, provide the Buyer with the information detailed in Paragraph 1.4. The decision of the Buyer to consent or not will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Where the Buyer consents to the appointment of a new Key Subcontractor then they will be added to Key Subcontractor section of the Award Form. The Buyer may reasonably withhold their consent to the appointment of a Key Subcontractor if it considers that:
  - 1.2.1 the appointment of a proposed Key Subcontractor may prejudice the provision of the Deliverables or may be contrary to its interests;
  - 1.2.2 the proposed Key Subcontractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reliable goods and or reasonable services to its other customers; and/or
  - 1.2.3 the proposed Key Subcontractor employs unfit persons.
- 1.3 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the following information in respect of the proposed Key Subcontractor:
  - 1.3.1 the proposed Key Subcontractor's name, registered office and company registration number;
  - 1.3.2 the scope/description of any Deliverables to be provided by the proposed Key Subcontractor;
  - 1.3.3 where the proposed Key Subcontractor is an Affiliate of the Supplier, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer that the proposed Key Sub-Contract has been agreed on "arm's-length" terms;
  - 1.3.4 the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected Charges over the Contract Period; and
  - 1.3.5 (where applicable) Credit Rating Threshold (as defined in Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties)) of the Key Subcontractor.
- 1.4 If requested by the Buyer, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the information provided by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.3, the Supplier shall also provide:
  - 1.4.1 a copy of the proposed Key Sub-Contract; and
  - 1.4.2 any further information reasonably requested by the Buyer.

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- 1.5 The Supplier shall ensure that each new or replacement Key Sub-Contract shall include:
  - 1.5.1 provisions which will enable the Supplier to discharge its obligations under the Contract;
  - 1.5.2 a right under CRTPA for the Buyer to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub-Contract which confer a benefit upon the Buyer;
  - 1.5.3 a provision enabling the Buyer to enforce the Key Sub-Contract as if it were the Supplier;
  - 1.5.4 a provision enabling the Supplier to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Key Sub-Contract to the Buyer;
  - 1.5.5 obligations no less onerous on the Key Subcontractor than those imposed on the Supplier under the Contract in respect of:
    - a) the data protection requirements set out in Clause 18 (Data protection);
    - b) the FOIA and other access request requirements set out in Clause 20 (When you can share information);
    - c) the obligation not to embarrass the Buyer or otherwise bring the Buyer into disrepute;
    - d) the keeping of records in respect of the goods and/or services being provided under the Key Sub-Contract, including the maintenance of Open Book Data; and
    - e) the conduct of audits set out in Clause 6 (Record keeping and reporting);
  - 1.5.6 provisions enabling the Supplier to terminate the Key Sub-Contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Supplier than those imposed on the Buyer under Clauses 14.4 (When the Buyer can end this contract) and 14.5 (What happens if the contract ends) of this Contract;
  - 1.5.7 a provision restricting the ability of the Key Subcontractor to sub-contract all or any part of the provision of the Deliverables provided to the Supplier under the Key Sub-Contract without first seeking the written consent of the Buyer; and
  - 1.5.8 a provision enabling the Supplier, the Buyer or any other person on behalf of the Buyer to step-in on substantially the same terms as are set out in Clause 13 (Step-in rights).
- 1.6 The Supplier shall not terminate or materially amend the terms of any Key Sub-Contract without the Buyer's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

## Schedule 28 (ICT Services)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Buyer Property"</b>	the property, other than real property and IPR, including the Buyer System, any equipment issued or made available to the Supplier by the Buyer in connection with this Contract;
<b>"Buyer Software"</b>	any software which is owned by or licensed to the Buyer and which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purposes of providing the Deliverables;
<b>"Buyer System"</b>	the Buyer's computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract which is owned by or licensed to the Buyer by a third party and which interfaces with the Supplier System or which is necessary for the Buyer to receive the Deliverables;
<b>"Commercial off the shelf Software" or "COTS Software"</b>	non-customised software where the IPR may be owned and licensed either by the Supplier or a third party depending on the context, and which is commercially available for purchase and subject to standard licence terms;
<b>"Defect"</b>	any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) any error, damage or defect in the manufacturing of a Deliverable; or</li><li>b) any error or failure of code within the Software which causes a Deliverable to malfunction or to produce unintelligible or incorrect results; or</li><li>c) any failure of any Deliverable to provide the performance, features and functionality specified in the requirements of the Buyer or the Documentation (including any adverse effect on response times) regardless of whether or not it prevents the relevant Deliverable from passing any Test required under this Contract; or</li></ul>

	a) any failure of any Deliverable to operate in conjunction with or interface with any other Deliverable in order to provide the performance, features and functionality specified in the requirements of the Buyer or the Documentation (including any adverse effect on response times) regardless of whether or not it prevents the relevant Deliverable from passing any Test required under this Contract;
<b>"Emergency Maintenance"</b>	ad hoc and unplanned maintenance provided by the Supplier where either Party reasonably suspects that the ICT Environment or the Services, or any part of the ICT Environment or the Services, has or may have developed a fault;
<b>"ICT Environment"</b>	the Buyer System and the Supplier System;
<b>"Licensed Software"</b>	all and any Software licensed by or through the Supplier, its Sub-Contractors or any third party to the Buyer for the purposes of or pursuant to this Contract, including any COTS Software;
<b>"Maintenance Schedule"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8 of this Schedule;
<b>"Malicious Software"</b>	any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence;
<b>"New Release"</b>	an item produced primarily to extend, alter or improve the Software and/or any Deliverable by providing additional functionality or performance enhancement (whether or not defects in the Software and/or Deliverable are also corrected) while still retaining the original designated purpose of that item;
<b>"Open Source Software"</b>	computer software that has its source code made available subject to an open-source licence under which the owner of the copyright and other IPR in such software provides the rights to use, study, change and distribute the

	software to any and all persons and for any and all purposes free of charge;
<b>"Operating Environment"</b>	<p>means the Buyer System and any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or</li><li>b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables; or</li><li>c) where any part of the Supplier System is situated;</li></ul>
<b>"Permitted Maintenance"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2 of this Schedule;
<b>"Quality Plans"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 6.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Sites"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 1 (Definitions), and for the purposes of this Schedule shall also include any premises from, to or at which physical interface with the Buyer System takes place;
<b>"Software"</b>	Specially Written Software, COTS Software and non-COTS Supplier and third party Software;
<b>"Software Supporting Materials"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 9.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Source Code"</b>	computer programs and/or data in eye-readable form and in such form that it can be compiled or interpreted into equivalent binary code together with all related design comments, flow charts, technical information and documentation necessary for the use, reproduction, maintenance, modification and enhancement of such software;
<b>"Specially Written Software"</b>	any software (including database software, linking instructions, test scripts, compilation instructions and test instructions) created by the Supplier (or by a Sub-Contractor or other third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of this Contract, including any

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modifications or  
enhancements to  
COTS

Software. For the avoidance of doubt Specially Written Software does not constitute New IPR;

**"Supplier System"**

the information and communications technology system used by the Supplier in supplying the Deliverables, including the COTS Software, the Supplier Equipment, configuration and management utilities, calibration and testing tools and related cabling (but excluding the Buyer System);

**2. When this Schedule should be used**

- 2.1. This Schedule is designed to provide additional provisions necessary to facilitate the provision of ICT Services which are part of the Deliverables.

**3. Buyer due diligence requirements**

- 3.1. The Supplier shall satisfy itself of all relevant details, including but not limited to, details relating to the following;
- 3.1.1. suitability of the existing and (to the extent that it is defined or reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date) future Operating Environment;
  - 3.1.2. operating processes and procedures and the working methods of the Buyer;
  - 3.1.3. ownership, functionality, capacity, condition and suitability for use in the provision of the Deliverables of the Buyer Assets; and
  - 3.1.4. existing contracts (including any licences, support, maintenance and other contracts relating to the Operating Environment) referred to in the Due Diligence Information which may be novated to, assigned to or managed by the Supplier under this Contract and/or which the Supplier will require the benefit of for the provision of the Deliverables.
- 3.2. The Supplier confirms that it has advised the Buyer in writing of:
- 3.2.1. each aspect, if any, of the Operating Environment that is not suitable for the provision of the ICT Services;
  - 3.2.2. the actions needed to remedy each such unsuitable aspect; and
  - 3.2.3. a timetable for and the costs of those actions.

**4. Licensed software warranty**

- 4.1. The Supplier represents and warrants that:
- 4.1.1. it has and shall continue to have all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub-Contractor) to the Buyer which are necessary for the performance of

the Supplier's obligations under this Contract including the receipt of the Deliverables by the Buyer;

- 4.1.2. all components of the Specially Written Software shall:
  - 4.1.2.1. be free from material design and programming errors;
  - 4.1.2.2. perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specifications contained in Schedule 10 (Service Levels) and Documentation; and
  - 4.1.2.3. not infringe any IPR.

## **5. Provision of ICT Services**

### **5.1. The Supplier shall:**

- 5.1.1. ensure that the release of any new COTS Software in which the Supplier owns the IPR, or upgrade to any Software in which the Supplier owns the IPR complies with the interface requirements of the Buyer and (except in relation to new Software or upgrades which are released to address Malicious Software) shall notify the Buyer three (3) Months before the release of any new COTS Software or Upgrade;
- 5.1.2. ensure that all Software including upgrades, updates and New Releases used by or on behalf of the Supplier are currently supported versions of that Software and perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specification;
- 5.1.3. ensure that the Supplier System will be free of all encumbrances;
- 5.1.4. ensure that the Deliverables are fully compatible with any Buyer Software, Buyer System, or otherwise used by the Supplier in connection with this Contract;
- 5.1.5. minimise any disruption to the Services and the ICT Environment and/or the Buyer's operations when providing the Deliverables.

## **6. Standards and Quality Requirements**

- 6.1. The Supplier shall develop, in the timescales specified in the Award Form, quality plans that ensure that all aspects of the Deliverables are the subject of quality management systems and are consistent with BS EN ISO 9001 or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it ("**Quality Plans**").
- 6.2. The Supplier shall seek Approval from the Buyer (not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of the Quality Plans before implementing them. Approval shall not act as an endorsement of the Quality Plans and shall not relieve the Supplier of its responsibility for ensuring that the Deliverables are provided to the standard required by this Contract.
- 6.3. Following the approval of the Quality Plans, the Supplier shall provide all Deliverables in accordance with the Quality Plans.



- 6.4. The Supplier shall ensure that the Supplier Personnel shall at all times during the Contract Period:
  - 6.4.1. be appropriately experienced, qualified and trained to supply the Deliverables in accordance with this Contract;
  - 6.4.2. apply all due skill, care, diligence in faithfully performing those duties and exercising such powers as necessary in connection with the provision of the Deliverables; and
  - 6.4.3. obey all lawful instructions and reasonable directions of the Buyer (including, if so required by the Buyer, the ICT Policy) and provide the Deliverables to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer.

## **7. ICT Audit**

- 7.1. The Supplier shall allow any auditor access to the Supplier premises to:
  - 7.1.1. inspect the ICT Environment and the wider service delivery environment (or any part of them);
  - 7.1.2. review any records created during the design and development of the Supplier System and pre-operational environment such as information relating to Testing;
  - 7.1.3. review the Supplier's quality management systems including all relevant Quality Plans.

## **8. Maintenance of the ICT Environment**

- 8.1. If specified by the Buyer in the Award Form, the Supplier shall create and maintain a rolling schedule of planned maintenance to the ICT Environment ("**Maintenance Schedule**") and make it available to the Buyer for Approval in accordance with the timetable and instructions specified by the Buyer.
- 8.2. Once the Maintenance Schedule has been Approved, the Supplier shall only undertake such planned maintenance (which shall be known as "**Permitted Maintenance**") in accordance with the Maintenance Schedule.
- 8.3. The Supplier shall give as much notice as is reasonably practicable to the Buyer prior to carrying out any Emergency Maintenance.
- 8.4. The Supplier shall carry out any necessary maintenance (whether Permitted Maintenance or Emergency Maintenance) where it reasonably suspects that the ICT Environment and/or the Services or any part thereof has or may have developed a fault. Any such maintenance shall be carried out in such a manner and at such times so as to avoid (or where this is not possible so as to minimise) disruption to the ICT Environment and the provision of the Deliverables.

## **9. Intellectual Property Rights in ICT**

### **Licences granted by the Supplier: Specially Written Software**

- 9.1.1. The Supplier shall grant to the Buyer a perpetual, royalty-free and exclusive licence to use, adapt and sub-license the Specially Written Software together with and including:

- 9.1.1.1. the Documentation, Source Code and the Object Code of the Specially Written Software; and
- 9.1.1.2. all build instructions, test instructions, test scripts, test data, operating instructions and other documents and tools necessary for maintaining and supporting the Specially Written Software and the New IPR (together the **"Software Supporting Materials"**,

for any purpose relating to the Deliverables (or substantially equivalent deliverables) or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Buyer's (or, if the Buyer is a Central Government Body, any other Central Government Body's) business or function. including the right to load, execute, store, transmit, display and copy (for the purposes of archiving, backing-up, loading, execution, storage, transmission or display) for the Contract Period and after expiry of the Contract to the extent necessary to ensure continuity of service and an effective transition of Services to a Replacement Supplier.

**9.2. Licences for non-COTS IPR from the Supplier and third parties to the Buyer**

- 9.2.1. Unless the Buyer gives its Approval the Supplier must not use any:
  - 9.2.1.1. of its own Existing IPR that is not COTS Software;
  - 9.2.1.2. third party software that is not COTS Software
- 9.2.2. Where the Buyer Approves the use of the Supplier's Existing IPR that is not COTS Software the Supplier shall grant to the Buyer a perpetual, royalty-free and non-exclusive licence to use adapt, and sub-license the same for any purpose relating to the Deliverables (or substantially equivalent deliverables) or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Buyer's (or, if the Buyer is a Central Government Body, any other Central Government Body's) business or function including the right to load, execute, store, transmit, display and copy (for the purposes of archiving, backing-up, loading, execution, storage, transmission or display) for the Contract Period and after expiry of the Contract to the extent necessary to ensure continuity of service and an effective transition of Services to a Replacement Supplier.
- 9.2.3. Where the Buyer Approves the use of third party Software that is not COTS Software the Supplier shall procure that the owners or the authorised licensors of any such Software grant a direct licence to the Buyer on terms at least equivalent to those set out in Paragraph 9.2.2. If the Supplier cannot obtain such a licence for the Buyer it shall:
  - 9.2.3.1. notify the Buyer in writing giving details of what licence terms can be obtained and whether there are alternative software providers which the Supplier could seek to use; and

9.2.3.2. only use such third party IPR as referred to at Paragraph 9.2.3 if the Buyer Approves the terms of the licence from the relevant third party.

9.2.4. Where the Supplier is unable to provide a licence to the Supplier's Existing IPR in accordance with Paragraph 9.3.2 above, it must meet the requirement by making use of COTS Software or Specially Written Software.

9.2.5. The Supplier may terminate a licence granted under Paragraph 9.2.2 by giving at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing if there is a Buyer Cause which constitutes a material Default which, if capable of remedy, is not remedied within twenty (20) Working Days after the Supplier gives the Buyer written notice specifying the breach and requiring its remedy.

**9.3. Licences for COTS Software by the Supplier and third parties to the Buyer**

9.3.1. The Supplier shall either grant or procure that the owners or the authorised licensors of any COTS Software grant, a direct licence to the Buyer on terms no less favourable than those standard commercial terms on which such software is usually made commercially available.

9.3.2. Where the Supplier owns the COTS Software it shall make available the COTS Software to a Replacement Supplier at a price and on terms no less favourable than those standard commercial terms on which such software is usually made commercially available.

9.3.3. Where a third party is the owner of COTS Software licensed in accordance with this Paragraph 9.3 the Supplier shall support the Replacement Supplier to make arrangements with the owner or authorised licensee to renew the license at a price and on terms no less favourable than those standard commercial terms on which such software is usually made commercially available.

9.3.4. The Supplier shall notify the Buyer within seven (7) days of becoming aware of any COTS Software which in the next thirty-six (36) months:

9.3.4.1. will no longer be maintained or supported by the developer;  
or

9.3.4.2. will no longer be made commercially available.

**9.4. Buyer's right to assign/novate licences**

9.4.1. The Buyer may assign, novate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations under the licences granted pursuant to Paragraph 9.2 (*Licences for non-COTS IPR from the Supplier and third parties to the Buyer*) to:

9.4.1.1. a Central Government Body; or

9.4.1.2. to any body (including any private sector body) which performs or carries on any of the functions and/or activities

that previously had been performed and/or carried on by the Buyer.

9.4.2. The Buyer may assign, novate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations under the licences granted pursuant to Paragraph 9.1 (*Licences granted by the Supplier: Specially Written Software*) to:

9.4.2.1. a Central Government Body; or

9.4.2.2. to any body (including any private sector body) which performs or carries on any of the functions and/or activities that previously had been performed and/or carried on by the Buyer

9.4.3. If the Buyer ceases to be a Central Government Body, the successor body to the Buyer shall still be entitled to the benefit of the licences granted in Paragraphs 9.1 and/or 9.2.

#### **9.5. Licence granted by the Buyer**

9.5.1. The Buyer grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Contract Period to use the Buyer Software solely to the extent necessary for providing the Deliverables in accordance with this Contract, including the right to grant sub-licences to Sub-Contractors provided that any relevant Sub-Contractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on the same terms as set out in Clause 19 (What you must keep confidential).

#### **9.6. Malicious Software**

9.6.1. The Supplier shall, throughout the Contract Period, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions and software available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor to check for, contain the spread of, and minimise the impact of Malicious Software.

9.6.2. If Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Government Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the provision of the Deliverables to its desired operating efficiency.

9.6.3. Any cost arising out of the actions of the Parties taken in compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 9.6.2 shall be borne by the Parties as follows:

9.6.3.1. by the Supplier, where the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier Software, the third-party Software supplied by the Supplier or the Government Data (whilst the Government Data was under the control of the Supplier) unless the Supplier can demonstrate that such Malicious Software was present and not quarantined or otherwise identified by the Buyer when provided to the Supplier; and

- 9.6.3.2. by the Buyer, if the Malicious Software originates from the Buyer Software or the Buyer Data (whilst the Buyer Data was under the control of the Buyer).

## **9.7. Restrictions on exploiting Specially Written Software**

- 9.7.1. Notwithstanding the Supplier's ownership of the Specially Written Software or licence which allows it to exploit and commercialise the New IPR:
  - 9.7.1.1. the Supplier must always offer a price and solution to the Buyer which is in accordance with the Charges and must licence the New IPR and Supplier Existing IPR to the Buyer on equivalent terms as apply under this Contract;
  - 9.7.1.2. where the Supplier proposes to exploit the New IPR, that it provides a detailed proposal of its plans for exploitation of the New IPR and the forecast returns, including (but not limited to) details of the goods and services to be offered by the Supplier which use the New IPR, the target markets and territory, the estimated level of orders, the marketing strategy; full details of the estimated costs, prices, revenues and profits; impact assessment on services delivered under the Contract; and any other information that would reasonably be required by the Buyer to enable it to consider the commercial, legal and financial implications to the Parties of the proposal and any further information which the Buyer may reasonably request; and
  - 9.7.1.3. where the Supplier proposes to discount the prices offered to the Buyer in return for the right to exploit the New IPR, that it provides clear evidence to demonstrate how the exploitation plans and financial information provided under Paragraph 9.7.1.2 above have been applied to the price for the Deliverables offered to the Buyer and other potential End Users;
- 9.7.2. The Buyer shall be under no obligation to:
  - 9.7.2.1. offer the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer) or the Buyer Existing IPR on an exclusive licence basis or on any other alternative terms of licensing and ownership; or
  - 9.7.2.2. accept any alternative arrangement proposed by the Supplier under this Paragraph and the Buyer shall be entitled to require the Supplier to deliver the solution on the basis of the same position on ownership and licensing of the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer) or Buyer Existing IPR applies as applies under this Contract.
- 9.7.3. This Contract does not confer any exclusive right on the Supplier to negotiate with the Buyer in relation to the New IPR (where this is owned by the Buyer), Buyer Existing IPR or any Crown IPR and the Buyer shall be entitled to licence, assign and otherwise deal with

such IPR (where it owns such IPR) with any other person (except to the extent that the Buyer has entered into an exclusive licence with the Supplier in respect of such IPR pursuant to this Contract).

- 9.7.4. The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer is under an obligation to comply with procurement Laws and state aid rules when considering proposals for alternative IPR arrangements and the Buyer will need to consider its position and approach on a case-by-case basis.

## Schedule 29 (Key Supplier Staff)

- 1.1 The Annex 1 to this Schedule 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 (“**Key Staff**”).
- 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 short-term 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

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respect unsatisfactory. The Buyer shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.



## Annex 1- Key Roles

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## Schedule 30 (Exit Management)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Exclusive Assets"</b>	Supplier Assets used exclusively by the Supplier or a Key Subcontractor in the provision of the Deliverables;
<b>"Exit Information"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Exit Manager"</b>	the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;
<b>"Net Book Value"</b>	the current net book value of the relevant Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the 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);
<b>"Non-Exclusive Assets"</b>	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;
<b>"Replacement Goods"</b>	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;
<b>"Replacement Services"</b>	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;
<b>"Termination Assistance Period"</b>	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;
<b>"Transferable Assets"</b>	Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Buyer;

<b>"Transferable Contracts"</b>	Sub-Contracts, 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;
<b>"Transferring Assets"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Transferring Contracts"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.3 of this Schedule;
<b>"Virtual Library"</b>	the data repository hosted by the Supplier containing the accurate information about the Contract and the Deliverables in accordance with Paragraph 2.2 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 within 30 days from the Start Date (or such other period as is specified in the Award Form) create and maintain a Virtual Library containing:
  - 2.2.1 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 a configuration database detailing the technical infrastructure, a schedule of the IPRs which the Buyer reasonably requires to benefit from the Deliverables (including who is the owner of such IPRs, the contact details of the owner and whether or not such IPRs are held in escrow), any plans required to be delivered by the Supplier pursuant to Schedule 14 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery) or Schedule 24 (Financial Difficulties) and operating procedures through which the Supplier provides the Deliverables,and the Supplier shall ensure the Virtual Library is structured and maintained in accordance with open standards and the security requirements set out in this Contract and is readily accessible by the Buyer at all times. All information contained in the Virtual Library should be maintained and kept up to date in accordance with the time period set out in the Award Form.

- 2.3 Where Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer) applies to this Contract, the Supplier shall add to the Virtual Library a list of Supplier Staff and Staffing Information (as that term is defined in Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer)) in connection with the Deliverables in accordance with the timescales set out in Paragraphs 1.1, 1.2 of Part E of Schedule 7 (Staff Transfer).
- 2.4 The Supplier shall:
- 2.4.1 ensure that all Exclusive Assets listed in the Virtual Library are clearly physically identified as such; and
  - 2.4.2 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.
- 2.5 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 as-requested 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 a plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3

of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer (the "**Exit Plan**").

- 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 how the Exit Information is obtained;
  - 4.3.2 a mechanism for dealing with partial termination on the assumption that the Supplier will continue to provide the remaining Deliverables under this Contract;
  - 4.3.3 the management structure to be employed during the Termination Assistance Period;
  - 4.3.4 a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
  - 4.3.5 how the Deliverables will transfer to the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer;
  - 4.3.6 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;
  - 4.3.7 the scope of Termination Assistance that may be required for the benefit of the Buyer (including which services set out in Annex 1 are applicable);
  - 4.3.8 how Termination Assistance will be provided, including a timetable and critical issues for providing Termination Assistance;
  - 4.3.9 any charges that would be payable for the provision of Termination Assistance (calculated in accordance with Paragraph 4.4 below) together with a capped estimate of such charges;
  - 4.3.10 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;
  - 4.3.11 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;
  - 4.3.12 proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the Deliverables;
  - 4.3.13 proposals for the identification and return of all Buyer Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
  - 4.3.14 proposals for the disposal of any redundant Deliverables and materials;

- 4.3.15 how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and
- 4.3.16 any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.
- 4.4 Any charges payable as a result of the Supplier providing Termination Assistance shall be calculated and charged in accordance with Schedule 3 (*Charges*). The Supplier shall be entitled to increase or vary the Charges only if it can demonstrate in the Exit Plan that the provision of Termination Assistance requires additional resources and, in any event, any change to the Charges resulting from the provisions of Termination Assistance will be strictly proportionate to the level of resources required for the provision of the Termination Assistance Services.
- 4.5 The Supplier shall:
  - 4.5.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
    - a) every six (6) months throughout the Contract Period;
    - 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
  - 4.5.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Buyer and promptly correct any identified failures.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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 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 eighteen (18) Months after the End Date; and
  - 5.2.2 the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any such extension by serving not less than twenty (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
- 5.3 The Buyer shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (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 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 contents of the Virtual Library to the Buyer; and
- 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 cease to use the Government Data;
  - 7.2.2 vacate any Buyer Premises;
  - 7.2.3 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;
  - 7.2.4 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 Upon partial termination, termination or expiry (as the case may be) or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not

adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Services and the Termination Assistance and its compliance with the other provisions of this Schedule), each Party shall return to the other Party (or if requested, destroy or delete) all Confidential Information of the other Party in respect of the terminated Services and shall certify that it does not retain the other Party's Confidential Information save to the extent (and for the limited period) that such information needs to be retained by the Party in question for the purposes of providing or receiving any Services or Termination Assistance or for statutory compliance purposes.

- 7.4 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 Sub-contract 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 contents of the Virtual Library 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. Where requested by the Supplier, the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier shall discuss in good faith with the Supplier

which Transferable Contracts are used by the Supplier in matters unconnected to the Services 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 23 (Other people's rights in this contract) shall not apply to this Paragraph 8.9 which is intended to be enforceable by third party 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.

## **ANNEX 1: SCOPE OF TERMINATION ASSISTANCE**

- 1.1 The Buyer may specify that any of the following services will be provided by the Supplier as part of its Termination Assistance:
  - 1.1.1 notifying the Subcontractors of procedures to be followed during the Termination Assistance Period and providing management to ensure these procedures are followed;
  - 1.1.2 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all operational and business processes (including all supporting documentation) in place and re-writing and implementing processes and procedures such that they are appropriate for use by the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier after the end of the Termination Assistance Period;
  - 1.1.3 providing details of work volumes and staffing requirements over the 12 Months immediately prior to the commencement of Termination Assistance;
  - 1.1.4 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all governance and reports in place for the provision of the Deliverables and re-writing and implementing these during and for a period of 12 Months after the Termination Assistance Period;
  - 1.1.5 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all relevant roles and responsibilities in place for the provision of the Deliverables and re-writing and implementing these such that they are appropriate for the continuation of provision of the Deliverables after the Termination Assistance Period;
  - 1.1.6 agreeing with the Buyer an effective communication strategy and joint communications plan which sets out the implications for Supplier Staff, Buyer staff, customers and key stakeholders;
  - 1.1.7 agreeing with the Buyer a handover plan for all of the Supplier's responsibilities as set out in the Security Management Plan;
  - 1.1.8 providing an information pack listing and describing the Deliverables for use by the Buyer in the procurement of the Replacement Deliverables;
  - 1.1.9 answering all reasonable questions from the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier regarding the Deliverables;
  - 1.1.10 agreeing with the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier a plan for the migration of the Government Data to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier;
  - 1.1.11 providing access to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier during the Termination Assistance Period and for a period not exceeding 6 Months afterwards for the purpose of the smooth

transfer of the provision of the Deliverables to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier:

- a) to information and documentation relating to the Deliverables that is in the possession or control of the Supplier or its Subcontractors (and the Supplier agrees and will procure that its Subcontractors do not destroy or dispose of that information within this period) including the right to take reasonable copies of that material; and
- b) following reasonable notice and during the Supplier's normal business hours, to members of the Supplier Staff who have been involved in the provision or management of the provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed or engaged by the Supplier or its Subcontractors, including those employees filling the relevant Key Staff positions and Key Staff with specific knowledge in respect of the Exit Plan;

1.1.12 knowledge transfer services, including:

- a) making available to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier expertise to analyse training requirements and provide all necessary training for the use of tools by such staff at the time of termination or expiry as are nominated by the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (acting reasonably);
- b) transferring all training material and providing appropriate training to those Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier staff responsible for internal training in connection with the provision of the Deliverables;
- c) providing as early as possible for transfer to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier of all knowledge reasonably required for the provision of the Deliverables which may, as appropriate, include information, records and documents;
- d) providing the Supplier and/or the Replacement Supplier with access to sufficient numbers of the members of the Supplier Staff or Subcontractors' personnel of suitable experience and skill and as have been involved in the design, development, provision or management of provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed or engaged by the Supplier or its Subcontractors; and
- e) allowing the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier to work alongside and observe the performance of the Services by the Supplier at its Sites used to fulfil the Services (subject to compliance by the Buyer and the Replacement Supplier with any applicable security and/or health and safety restrictions, and any such person who is provided with knowledge transfer services will sign a confidentiality undertaking in

favour of the Supplier (in such form as the Supplier shall reasonably require)).

1.2 The Supplier will:

- 1.2.1 provide a documented plan relating to the training matters referred to in Paragraph 1.1.12 for agreement by the Buyer at the time of termination or expiry of this Contract; and
- 1.2.2 co-operate fully in the execution of the handover plan agreed pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.7, providing skills and expertise of a suitable standard.

1.3 To facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the Supplier to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier, the Supplier shall provide a detailed explanation of the procedures and operations used to provide the Services to the operations staff of the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier.

1.4 The information which the Supplier will provide to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.11 shall include:

- 1.4.1 copies of up-to-date procedures and operations manuals;
- 1.4.2 product information;
- 1.4.3 agreements with third party suppliers of goods and services which are to be transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier; and
- 1.4.4 key support contact details for third party supplier personnel under contracts which are to be assigned or novated to the Buyer pursuant to this Schedule,

and such information shall be updated by the Supplier at the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

1.5 During the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall grant any agent or personnel (including employees, consultants and suppliers) of the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer access, during business hours and upon reasonable prior written notice, to any Sites for the purpose of effecting a prompt knowledge transfer provided that:

- 1.5.1 any such agent or personnel (including employees, consultants and suppliers) having such access to any Sites shall:
  - a) sign a confidentiality undertaking in favour of the Supplier (in such form as the Supplier shall reasonably require); and
  - b) during each period of access comply with the security, systems and facilities operating procedures of the Supplier relevant to such Site and that the Buyer deems reasonable; and
- 1.5.2 the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier shall pay the reasonable, proven and proper costs of the Supplier incurred in facilitating such access.

## Schedule 32 (Background Checks)

### 1. When you should use this Schedule

This Schedule should be used where Supplier Staff must be vetted before working on Contract.

### 2. Definitions

**“Relevant Conviction”** means any conviction listed in Annex 1 to this Schedule.

### 3. Relevant Convictions

- 3.1 The Supplier must ensure that no person who discloses that they have a Relevant Conviction, or a person who is found to have any Relevant Convictions (whether as a result of a police check or through the procedure of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or otherwise), is employed or engaged in any part of the provision of the Deliverables without Approval.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 3.1 for each member of Supplier Staff who, in providing the Deliverables, has, will have or is likely to have access to children, vulnerable persons or other members of the public to whom the Buyer owes a special duty of care, the Supplier must (and shall procure that the relevant Sub-Contractor must):
  - 3.2.1 carry out a check with the records held by the Department for Education (DfE);
  - 3.2.2 conduct thorough questioning regarding any Relevant Convictions; and
  - 3.2.3 ensure a police check is completed and such other checks as may be carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS),and the Supplier shall not (and shall ensure that any Sub-Contractor shall not) engage or continue to employ in the provision of the Deliverables any person who has a Relevant Conviction or an inappropriate record.



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Any such Relevant Conviction the Buyer deems appropriate as updated through the Contract.

## Schedule 37 (Corporate Resolution Planning)

### 1. Definitions

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

<b>"Accounting Reference Date"</b>	means in each year the date to which the Supplier prepares its annual audited financial statements;
<b>"Annual Revenue"</b>	<p>means, for the purposes of determining whether an entity is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier, the audited consolidated aggregate revenue (including share of revenue of joint ventures and Associates) reported by the Supplier or, as appropriate, the Supplier Group in its most recent published accounts, subject to the following methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) figures for accounting periods of other than 12 months should be scaled pro rata to produce a proforma figure for a 12 month period; and</li><li>(b) where the Supplier, the Supplier Group and/or their joint ventures and Associates report in a foreign currency, revenue should be converted to British Pound Sterling at the closing exchange rate on the Accounting Reference Date;</li></ul>
<b>"Assurance"</b>	means written confirmation from a Relevant Buyer to the Supplier that the CRP Information is approved by the Relevant Buyer;
<b>"Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team"</b>	means the UK Government's team responsible for managing the relationship between government and its Strategic Suppliers, or any replacement or successor body carrying out the same function;
<b>"Corporate Change Event"</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) any change of Control of the Supplier or a Parent Undertaking of the Supplier;</li></ul>

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- (b) any change of Control of any member of the Supplier Group which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, could have a material adverse effect on the Services;
- (c) any change to the business of the Supplier or any member of the Supplier Group which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, could have a material adverse effect on the Services;
- (d) a Class 1 Transaction taking place in relation to the shares of the Supplier or any Parent Undertaking of the Supplier whose shares are listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange plc;
- (e) an event that could reasonably be regarded as being equivalent to a Class 1 Transaction taking place in respect of the Supplier or any Parent Undertaking of the Supplier;
- (f) payment of dividends by the Supplier or the ultimate Parent Undertaking of the Supplier Group exceeding 25% of the Net Asset Value of the Supplier or the ultimate Parent Undertaking of the Supplier Group respectively in any 12 month period;
- (g) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of any member of the Supplier Group;
- (h) any member of the Supplier Group stopping payment of its debts generally or becoming unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any member of the Supplier Group ceasing to carry on all or substantially all its business, or any compromise, composition, arrangement or agreement being made with creditors of any member of the Supplier Group;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver or administrator in respect of or over all or a material part of the undertaking or assets of any member of the Supplier Group; and/or</li><li>(j) any process or events with an effect analogous to those in Paragraphs (e) to (g) inclusive above occurring to a member of the Supplier Group in a jurisdiction outside England and Wales;</li></ul>
<b>"Corporate Change Event Grace Period"</b>	means a grace period agreed to by the Relevant Buyer for providing CRP Information and/or updates to Service Continuity Plan after a Corporate Change Event
<b>"Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review)"</b>	means part of the CRP Information relating to the Supplier Group to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 and Annex 2 of this Schedule1;
<b>"Critical National Infrastructure"</b>	<p>means those critical elements of UK national infrastructure (namely assets, facilities, systems, networks or processes and the essential workers that operate and facilitate them), the loss or compromise of which could result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) major detrimental impact on the availability, integrity or delivery of essential services – including those services whose integrity, if compromised, could result in significant loss of life or casualties – taking into account significant economic or social impacts; and/or</li><li>(b) significant impact on the national security, national defence, or the functioning of the UK;</li></ul>
<b>"Critical Service Contract"</b>	means the overall status of the Services provided under this Contract as determined by the Buyer and specified in Paragraph 2 of this Schedule;
<b>"CRP Information"</b>	means the corporate resolution planning information, together, the:

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	(a) Exposure Information (Contracts List);
	(b) Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review); and
	(c) Financial Information and Commentary
<b>"Exposure Information (Contracts List)"</b>	means part of the CRP Information relating to the Supplier Group to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 and Annex 1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Financial Information and Commentary"</b>	means part of the CRP Information relating to the Supplier Group to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 and Annex 3 of this Schedule;
<b>"Public Sector Dependant Supplier"</b>	means a supplier where that supplier, or that supplier's group has Annual Revenue of £50 million or more of which over 50% is generated from UK Public Sector Business;
<b>"Relevant Buyer" or "Relevant Buyers"</b>	means the Buyer and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team or, where the Supplier is a Strategic Supplier, the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team;
<b>"Strategic Suppliers"</b>	means those suppliers to government listed at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-suppliers">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-suppliers</a> ;
<b>"UK Public Sector Business"</b>	means any goods, service or works provision to UK public sector bodies, including Central Government Bodies and their arm's length bodies and agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies, local authorities, health bodies, police, fire and rescue, education bodies and devolved administrations;
<b>"Valid"</b>	in respect of an Assurance, has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.7 of this Schedule;

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### 2. Service Status and Supplier Status

2.1 This Contract is a Critical Service Contract.

2.2 The Supplier shall notify the Buyer and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team, in writing within 5 Working Days of the Effective Date and throughout the Term within 120 days after each Accounting Reference Date

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as to whether or not it is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier. The contact email address for the Markets and Suppliers Team is [resolution.planning@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:resolution.planning@cabinetoffice.gov.uk).

### **3. Provision of Corporate Resolution Planning (CRP) Information**

- 3.1 Paragraphs 3 to 5 shall apply if this Contract has been specified as a Critical Service Contract under Paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule or the Supplier is or becomes a Public Sector Dependent Supplier.
- 3.2 Subject to Paragraphs 3.6, 3.10 and 3.11 of this Schedule:
- (a) where this Contract is a Critical Service Contract, the Supplier shall provide the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers with the CRP Information within 60 days of the Effective Date; and
  - (b) except where it has already been provided in accordance with Paragraph 3.2(a) where the Supplier is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier, it shall provide the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers with the CRP Information within 60 days of the date of the Relevant Buyer's or Relevant Buyers' request.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the CRP Information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 3.2, 3.8 and 3.9 of this Schedule:
- (a) is full, comprehensive, accurate and up to date;
  - (b) is split into three parts:
    - (i) Exposure Information (Contracts List)
    - (ii) Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review);
    - (iii) Financial Information and Commentaryand is structured and presented in accordance with the requirements and explanatory notes set out in the latest published version of the Resolution Planning Guidance Note published by the Cabinet Office Government Commercial Function and available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-sourcing-and-consultancy-playbooks> and contains the level of detail required (adapted as necessary to the Supplier's circumstances);
  - (c) incorporates any additional commentary, supporting documents and evidence which would reasonably be required by the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers to understand and consider the information for approval;
  - (d) provides a clear description and explanation of the Supplier Group members that have agreements for goods, services or works provision in respect of UK Public Sector Business and/or Critical National Infrastructure and the nature of those agreements; and
  - (e) complies with the requirements set out at Annex 1 (Exposure Information (Contracts List)), Annex 2 (Corporate Resolvability

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Assessment (Structural Review)) and Annex 3 (Financial Information and Commentary) respectively.

- 3.4 Following receipt by the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers of the CRP Information pursuant to Paragraphs 3.2, 3.8 and 3.9 of this Schedule, the Buyer shall procure that the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers discuss in good faith the contents of the CRP Information with the Supplier and no later than 60 days after the date on which the CRP Information was delivered by the Supplier and either provide an Assurance to the Supplier that Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers approve the CRP Information or that Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers reject the CRP Information.
- 3.5 If the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers reject the CRP Information:
- (a) the Buyer shall (and shall procure that the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team shall) inform the Supplier in writing of its reasons for its rejection; and
  - (b) the Supplier shall revise the CRP Information, taking reasonable account of the Relevant Buyer's or Relevant Buyers' comments, and shall re-submit the CRP Information to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers for approval within 30 days of the date of the Relevant Buyer's or Relevant Buyers' rejection. The provisions of Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of this Schedule shall apply again to any resubmitted CRP Information provided that either Party may refer any disputed matters for resolution by the Dispute Resolution Procedure at any time.
- 3.6 Where the Supplier or a member of the Supplier Group has already provided CRP Information to a Central Government Body or the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team (or, in the case of a Strategic Supplier, solely to the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team) and has received an Assurance of its CRP Information from that Central Government Body and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team (or, in the case of a Strategic Supplier, solely from the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team), then provided that the Assurance remains Valid on the date by which the CRP Information would otherwise be required, the Supplier shall not be required to provide the CRP Information under Paragraph 3.2 if it provides a copy of the Valid Assurance to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers on or before the date on which the CRP Information would otherwise have been required.
- 3.7 An Assurance shall be deemed Valid for the purposes of Paragraph 3.6 of this Schedule if:
- (a) the Assurance is within the validity period stated in the Assurance (or, if no validity period is stated, no more than 12 months has elapsed since it was issued and no more than 18 months has elapsed since the Accounting Reference Date on which the CRP Information was based); and
  - (b) no Corporate Change Events or Financial Distress Events (or events which would be deemed to be Corporate Change Events or

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Financial Distress Events if this Contract had then been in force) have occurred since the date of issue of the Assurance.

- 3.8 If this Contract is a Critical Service Contract, the Supplier shall provide an updated version of the CRP Information (or, in the case of Paragraph 3.8(c) of this Schedule its initial CRP Information) to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers:
- (a) within 14 days of the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event (along with any additional highly confidential information no longer exempted from disclosure under Paragraph 3.11 of this Schedule) unless the Supplier is relieved of the consequences of the Financial Distress Event (Schedule 24 *Financial Difficulties*)
  - (b) within 30 days of a Corporate Change Event unless:
    - (i) the Supplier requests and the Relevant Buyer (acting reasonably) agrees to a Corporate Change Event Grace Period, in the event of which the time period for the Supplier to comply with this Paragraph shall be extended as determined by the Relevant Buyer (acting reasonably) but shall in any case be no longer than six months after the Corporate Change Event. During a Corporate Change Event Grace Period the Supplier shall regularly and fully engage with the Relevant Buyer to enable it to understand the nature of the Corporate Change Event and the Relevant Buyer shall reserve the right to terminate a Corporate Change Event Grace Period at any time if the Supplier fails to comply with this Paragraph; or
    - (ii) not required pursuant to Paragraph 3.10;
  - (c) within 30 days of the date that:
    - (i) the credit rating(s) of each of the Supplier and its Parent Undertakings fail to meet any of the criteria specified in Paragraph 3.10; or
    - (ii) none of the credit rating agencies specified at Paragraph 3.10 hold a public credit rating for the Supplier or any of its Parent Undertakings; and
  - (d) in any event, within 6 months after each Accounting Reference Date or within 15 months of the date of the previous Assurance received from the Relevant Buyer (whichever is the earlier), unless:
    - (i) updated CRP Information has been provided under any of Paragraphs 3.8(a), 3.8(b) or 3.8(c) since the most recent Accounting Reference Date (being no more than 12 months previously) within the timescales that would ordinarily be required for the provision of that information under this Paragraph 3.8(d); or
    - (ii) not required pursuant to Paragraph 3.10.



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3.9 Where the Supplier is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier and this Contract is not a Critical Service Contract, then on the occurrence of any of the events specified in Paragraphs 3.8(a) to 3.8(d) of this Schedule, the Supplier shall provide at the request of the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers and within the applicable timescales for each event as set out in Paragraph 3.8 (or such longer timescales as may be notified to the Supplier by the Buyer), the CRP Information to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers.

3.10 Where the Supplier or a Parent Undertaking of the Supplier has a credit rating of either:

- (a) Aa3 or better from Moody's;
- (b) AA- or better from Standard and Poor's;
- (c) AA- or better from Fitch;

the Supplier will not be required to provide any CRP Information unless or until either (i) a Financial Distress Event occurs (unless the Supplier is relieved of the consequences of the Financial Distress Event under Paragraph 7.1 of Schedule 24 (*Financial Difficulties*)) (as defined in Schedule 24 *Financial Difficulties*) or (ii) the Supplier and its Parent Undertakings cease to fulfil the criteria set out in this Paragraph 3.10, in which cases the Supplier shall provide the updated version of the CRP Information in accordance with Paragraph 3.8.

3.11 Subject to Paragraph 5, where the Supplier demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers that a particular item of CRP Information is highly confidential, the Supplier may, having orally disclosed and discussed that information with the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers, redact or omit that information from the CRP Information provided that if a Financial Distress Event occurs, this exemption shall no longer apply and the Supplier shall promptly provide the relevant information to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers to the extent required under Paragraph 3.8.

## 4. Termination Rights

4.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate this Contract under Clause 14.4 (*Ending the Contract*) if the Supplier is required to provide CRP Information under Paragraph 3 of this Schedule and either:

- (a) the Supplier fails to provide the CRP Information within 4 months of the Effective Date if this is a Critical Service Contract or otherwise within 4 months of the Relevant Buyer's or Relevant Buyers' request; or
- (b) the Supplier fails to obtain an Assurance from the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers within 4 months of the date that it was first required to provide the CRP Information under this Contract.

## **5. Confidentiality and usage of CRP Information**

- 5.1 The Buyer agrees to keep the CRP Information confidential and use it only to understand the implications of an Insolvency Event of the Supplier and/or Supplier Group members on its UK Public Sector Business and/or services in respect of Critical National Infrastructure and to enable contingency planning to maintain service continuity for end users and protect Critical National Infrastructure in such eventuality.
- 5.2 Where the Relevant Buyer is the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team, at the Supplier's request, the Buyer shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Cabinet Office enters into a confidentiality and usage Contract with the Supplier containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Buyer under Paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule and Clause 19 (*What you must keep Confidential*).
- 5.3 The Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain consent from any third party which has restricted the disclosure of the CRP Information to enable disclosure of that information to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers pursuant to Paragraph 3 of this Schedule subject, where necessary, to the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers entering into an appropriate confidentiality Contract in the form required by the third party.
- 5.4 Where the Supplier is unable to procure consent pursuant to Paragraph 5.3, the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to disclose the CRP Information to the fullest extent possible by limiting the amount of information it withholds including by:
- (a) redacting only those parts of the information which are subject to such obligations of confidentiality
  - (b) providing the information in a form that does not breach its obligations of confidentiality including (where possible) by:
    - (i) summarising the information;
    - (ii) grouping the information;
    - (iii) anonymising the information; and
    - (iv) presenting the information in general terms
- 5.5 The Supplier shall provide the Relevant Buyer or Relevant Buyers with contact details of any third party which has not provided consent to disclose CRP Information where that third party is also a public sector body and where the Supplier is legally permitted to do so.

**ANNEX 1: EXPOSURE: CRITICAL CONTRACTS LIST**

- 1 The Supplier shall:
  - 1.1 provide details of all agreements held by members of the Supplier Group where those agreements are for goods, services or works provision and:
    - (a) are with any UK public sector bodies including: central Government departments and their arms-length bodies and agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies, local Buyers, health bodies, police fire and rescue, education bodies and the devolved administrations;
    - (b) are with any private sector entities where the end recipient of the service, goods or works provision is any of the bodies set out in Paragraph 1.1(a) of this Annex 1 and where the member of the Supplier Group is acting as a key sub-contractor under the Contract with the end recipient; or
    - (c) involve or could reasonably be considered to involve Critical National Infrastructure;
  - 1.2 provide the Relevant Buyer with a copy of the latest version of each underlying contract worth more than £5m per contract year and their related key sub-contracts, which shall be included as embedded documents within the CRP Information or via a directly accessible link

**ANNEX 2: CORPORATE RESOLVABILITY ASSESSMENT (STRUCTURAL REVIEW)**

- 1 The Supplier shall:
  - 1.1 provide sufficient information to allow the Relevant Buyer to understand the implications on the Supplier Group's UK Public Sector Business and Critical National Infrastructure agreements listed pursuant to Annex 1 if the Supplier or another member of the Supplier Group is subject to an Insolvency Event.
  - 1.2 ensure that the information is presented so as to provide a simple, effective and easily understood overview of the Supplier Group; and
  - 1.3 provide full details of the importance of each member of the Supplier Group to the Supplier Group's UK Public Sector Business and Critical National Infrastructure agreements listed pursuant to Annex 1 and the dependencies between each.

**ANNEX 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTARY**

- 1 The Supplier shall:
  - 1.1 provide sufficient financial information for the Supplier Group level, contracting operating entities level, and shared services entities' level to allow the Relevant Buyer to understand the current financial interconnectedness of the Supplier Group and the current performance of the Supplier as a standalone entity; and
  - 1.2 ensure that the information is presented in a simple, effective and easily understood manner.
  - 1.3 For the avoidance of doubt the financial information to be provided pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this Annex 3 should be based on the most recent audited accounts for the relevant entities (or interim accounts where available) updated for any material changes since the Accounting Reference Date provided that such accounts are available in a reasonable timeframe to allow the Supplier to comply with its obligations under this Schedule. If such accounts are not available in that timeframe, to the extent permitted by Law financial information should be based on unpublished unaudited accounts or management accounts (disclosure of which to the Relevant Buyer remains protected by confidentiality).

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