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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Diagnostic devices  
2017/S 046-085081**

**Contract notice**

**Supplies**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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General address of the contracting authority: [www.supplychain.nhs.uk](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk)

**Further information can be obtained from:**

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority  
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority  
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:**

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority  
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal agency/office

**I.3) Main activity**

Health

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Point of Care 2017.

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Various locations in UK.

NUTS code UK

**II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 60

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 24

**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 28 201 000 GBP

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for supply to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock Route and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the Direct and E-Direct Routes. This Framework Agreement is for the supply via the e-direct route of Blood Gas Analysis HbA1c testing Urinalysis Drugs of Abuse Cholesterol Coagulation Cardiac Markers Multi Test Instruments Diagnostic Rapid Test Kits Single test analysers and Blood Glucose. Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will circa 14 100 500 GBP in the 24 months of this Framework Agreement however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

This Framework Agreement is for 24 months with the option to extend in incremental stages for up to a total period of 48 months.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33124130, 33124131, 33141625, 38434000, 33696200, 33696500, 38434520

**II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

**II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

**II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

**II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in circa the region of 14 100 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth. The values provided are for guidance only and are not a guarantee of business.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 28 201 000 GBP

**II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a further period of up to 24 months in addition to the initial 24 month period as set out in the Framework Agreement.

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

**Information about lots**

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Blood Gas Analysis

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care Testing for Blood Gas Analysis, this includes but is not limited to a range of blood gas analysers, devices and any relevant equipment, consumables, reagents and software packages which will enable blood gas analysis to be performed on blood samples.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

38434520, 38434000, 33124110, 33696500, 33696200

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 5 200 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 10 400 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Coagulation

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care testing for Coagulation, this includes but is not limited to, analysers, devices, any relevant accessories (such as barcode scanners), test panels, reagents, internal quality control material and software packages for measuring the effect of anti-coagulation by analysing a patient's whole blood or plasma.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33124131, 33696500, 38434000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 1 750 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot.

Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 500 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Urinalysis

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care testing for Urinalysis, this includes but is not limited to, analysers, devices and any relevant accessories (such as barcode scanners and platforms), test strips, reagents and software packages that will enable the determination of changes in urine based on a patients urine sample.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124131, 33124130, 38434000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 850 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 700 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Non Analyser/Non Reader visually read only Urinalysis test strips (not used with Analyser/Reader)

1) **Short description**

This Lot aim to offer Point of Care Testing for non analyser/non reader visually read only Urinalysis test strips, this includes but not limited to strips, reagents, colour charts that will enable the determination of changes in urine based on a patient's urine samples.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

38434000, 33124131, 33124130

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 600 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 5 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 200 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Point of Care Multi Test Analysers/Instruments

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care Multi Test Analysers/Instruments including but not limited to analysers, devices and any relevant equipment, consumables, reagents and software packages (and any other associated testing to be performed on whole blood, serum, plasma or urine and other samples for a range of testing areas).

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33124131, 33696500, 38434000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 400 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 800 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Cardiac Markers

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care testing for Cardiac Markers, this includes but is not limited to, analysers, devices and any relevant accessories (such as barcode scanners), test panels, reagents and software packages that will enable the diagnosis of acute coronary symptoms by analysing a patient's blood or plasma.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33124131, 33696500, 38434000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 350 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 700 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for HbA1c Testing Glycated Haemaglobin (and other Associated Testing for Diabetes Management).

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care Testing for HbA1c Testing, this includes is not limited to, analysers, devices and any relevant accessories, consumables and reagents that will enable the measurement of haemoglobin fraction HbA1c on blood samples, and any other associated testing to be performed on blood and other samples for diabetes management.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124000, 33124100, 33124110, 33124131

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 750 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 500 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Cholesterol

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care testing for Cholesterol, this includes but is not limited to, analysers, devices and relevant accessories (such as barcode scanners), test panels, reagents and software packages that will screen for the risk of developing heart disease by analysing a patients whole blood or plasma.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33696500, 38434000, 33124131

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 500 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Blood Glucose Connectivity

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care Testing for Blood Glucose Connectivity, this includes but is not limited to, a range of blood glucose & ketone testing meters/instruments and any relevant accessories, consumables, strips and software packages that will enable blood glucose and ketone analysis to be performed on whole blood samples in general wards and departments, in a primary and community setting.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33696500, 38434000, 33124131

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 1 000 500 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 001 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Blood Glucose Non Connectivity

1) **Short description**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 900 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may, therefore, be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33696500, 38434000, 33124131

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 1 000 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 25 % to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 800 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Point of Care Testing for Drugs of Abuse

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care testing for Drugs of Abuse, this includes but is not limited to, analysers, breathanalysers and any relevant accessories (such as barcode scanners), test strips, reagents and software packages that will enable determination of drugs and alcohol in an individuals urine sample (and other associated samples such as saliva and hair).

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124100, 33124110, 33696500, 33141625, 38434000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 900 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 5 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 800 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 12

Lot title: Point of Care Rapid Test Kits

1) **Short description**

This Lot aims to offer Point of Care Rapid Test Kits which are suitable for the use by trained health Care professionals at the Point of Care in front of patients. Samples may include, but are not limited to, blood, serum, urine or through a swab.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124131, 33141625

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be circa 900 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 5 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 800 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

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**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:**

Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances. Further details will be in the tender documents.

**III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

Please see tender documents.

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular form or to require one party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

**III.1.4) Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: The Framework Agreement includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful Suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

**III.2) Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Submission of Expression of Interest and Procurement Specific Information:

This procurement exercise will be conducted on the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal at <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Candidates wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest and provide additional procurement-specific information (if required) through the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal as follows:

Registration

1. Use URL <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> to access the NHS Supply Chain Procurement portal.

2. If not yet registered:

— Click on the “Not Registered Yet” link to access the registration page.

— Complete the registration pages as guided by the mini guide found on the landing page.

Portal Access

If registration has been completed:

— Login with URL <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

— Click on the “Supplier Dashboard” icon to open the list of new procurement events.

Expression of Interest

— View Contract Notice content by clicking on the “View Notice” button for the procurement event. This opens a PDF document.

— Express an interest by clicking on the “Express Interest” button.

— To start the response process after the expression of interest has been done select the “My Active Opportunities” option and click on the “Apply” button.

— Select the procurement event from the list by clicking on the description

— In the detail view click on the orange coloured “Framework Agreement” button to start responding to the tender.

## Tender Response

### Header Level Requirements:

— Applicants are required to read all Framework Header Documents which can be accessed using the “NHS SC Header Documents” button which is located in the “Select Framework” tab.

— Applicants are required to upload the documents requested using the “Supplier Header Documents” button which is located in the “Select Framework” tab.

The “Framework Questionnaire” tab has no requirement for completion in this tender

### Lot Level Requirements:

— A preview of the Lot line details can be viewed using the “Lot Header” tab by selecting the Lot and using the “Lot Line Information” button. In order to respond to a Lot Applicants must select the relevant Lot and then use the “Express Intent” button. This expression of intent does not place any obligation on the Applicant to respond the action unlocks the ability to respond.

— Complete price offers per line for the Lot by completing the required fields for the lines the Applicant wants to include in the bid using the “Lot Line Detail” tab. There are a number of mandatory fields to complete on a product line basis these are highlighted in yellow in the “Lot Line Detail” tab.

— Applicants are required to answer all mandatory Lot specific questions found in the “Lot Evaluation Criteria” tab.

The “Lot Questionnaire” tab has now requirement for completion in this tender.

— Applicants are then required to click on the “Terms and Conditions” button in the “Submit Individual Lot Response(s)” tab to view and accept the ISS Terms and Conditions.

— Accept the ISS “Terms and Conditions” button to access this function.

— Submit Lot response by clicking on the “Submit Response to Selected Lot” button in the “Submit Individual Lot Response(s)” tab to submit response for the Lot. Each Lot must be submitted independently.

— Applicants are able to view their submission using the “Supplier Submission Report” button found in the “Submit Individual Lot Response(s)” tab.

### III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

### III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

### III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

### III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

#### III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

### IV.1) **Type of procedure**

#### IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open

#### IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

#### IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

### IV.2) **Award criteria**

#### IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

#### IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the Framework Agreement.

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

"FAG16508"

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

**Prior information notice**

Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 132-242275](#) of 11.7.2015

**Other previous publications**

Notice number in the OJEU: [2016/S 218-397825](#) of 11.8.2016

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

3.4.2017 - 15:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

in days: 200 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 4.4.2017 - 9:00

Place:

As in above mentioned I.1

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Only the NHS Supply Chain contract owner or delegate.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

VI.3) **Additional information**

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4 is an estimate only. Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the Suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to appoint more suppliers to the Framework Agreement in the event that more than 60 reach the minimum score for appointment which is set out in the Invitation to Tender.

Applicants should refer to Annex B of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual Lots across the Framework Agreement. Applicants may bid for one more than one or all of the Lots and Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of this.

The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself. NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful Suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing value added offerings and bulk buy initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase the supplies and/or services identified in the tender documents as Non-Direct Contract Products which it will then make available for purchase by

- 1) any NHS Trust;
- 2) any other NHS entity;
- 3) any government department agency or other statutory body (for the avoidance of doubt including local authorities); and/or
- 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1 NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-exclusive basis.

Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be priced in sterling and written in English. Any agreement entered into will be considered a contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. NHS Supply Chain is not liable for any costs (including any third party costs fees or expenses incurred by those expressing an interest participating or tendering for this contract opportunity. NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to terminate the procurement process (or part of it) to change the basis of and the procedures for the procurement process at any time or to procure the subject matter of the contract by alternative means if it appears that it can be more advantageously procured by alternative means. The most economically advantageous or any tender will not automatically be accepted. All communications must be made through NHS Supply Chain's eTendering portal at <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s):

For the attention of: NUTS Code UKE4

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Not applicable

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Not applicable

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Appeals to be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

3.3.2017