**Appendix A**

**Request for Information - Response Document**

**NHS England Down’s Syndrome  
Screening Quality Assurance Support Service (DQASS)**

**Ref:** **C239542**

**Note: Please note that this document must be completed and returned via the e-Tendering portal** <https://atamis.cloudforce.com/>

**All responses will remain confidential; however, an anonymous summary of responses may be published on the e-Tendering portal.**

**The Contracting Authorities are committed to open government and meeting legal responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). Accordingly, any information created by or submitted to the Contracting Authorities (including but not limited to the information contained in this RFI, clarification questions, responses, and feedback) may need to be disclosed by the Contracting Authorities in response to a request for information. Please be aware before proceeding that you may be adding personal data in response to this RFI which may be subject to privacy regulations.**

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| **A Organisational Information** | | | |
| Organisation name. | | Please give details: | |
| Please state the type of organisation e.g., Public limited Company, Limited Company, Charity, Social Enterprise, NHS organisation, other. | | Please give details: | |
| Number of employees in the organisation. | | Please give details: | |
| Name of respondent and contact details. | | Please give details: | |
| **B Market Capability and Capacity**  **The Commissioners wish to understand the capacity and level of expertise within the market to deliver a Down’s Syndrome** **Screening Quality Assurance Support Service.**  **This information is requested to allow the Commissioners to gauge the size, type and capabilities of organisations interested in providing the service.**  **Please provide the following information:** | | | | |
| **Subject/Question** | | | **Response** | |
| 1 | Do you currently provide a similar service? | | Yes/No:  If yes, please give details: | |
| 1a | If yes, please provide details of the service and organisations involved | | Please give details: | |

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| 1b | Please detail the number of similar contracts you currently hold and organisations, locations, including annual activity levels. | Please give details: |
| 2 | How do you think the proposed Service achieves the best outcomes for users/ clinicians) and the Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme? | Please give details: |
| 3 | Please give your views on how the service could:   * Interact with labs effectively * Interact with ultrasound departments effectively * Support the screening quality assurance service * Support the fetal anomaly screening programme * Demonstrate and or provide evidence of specialised expert knowledge in screening and statistical analysis * Improve patient outcomes * operate within the sensitive context of fetal anomaly screening and how the service model could ensure it is ethically sensitive to the needs/views of all service users i.e. pregnant women? |  |
| 4 | Describe how the service could deliver value for money and quality? | Please give details: |
| 5 | If you were awarded a contract, what do you see as the key foundations for this type of service to be successful? Please include approaches to project delivery, service management and support, and governance. | Please give details: |
| 6 | Do you have any suggestions about how a service would benefit the users? For clarity users are the screening laboratories, ultrasound departments and NHS England | Please give details: |

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| **C** | **User Experiences** | |
| 7 | Please detail your reasoning on how the service would/could improve user experiences and other benefits and/or risks resulting from the service. | Please give details: |

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| **D** | **Contract Model**  **Please note: The type of contract awarded for providers of the new service will be the NHS Terms and Conditions** | |
| 8 | Service model:  Please indicate if you would be intending in providing the service as a single organisation or in partnership with one or more other organisations. | Please give details: |
| 9 | contract length  Considering all elements of the service; what would you consider to be a viable and appropriate duration for this contract? | Please give details: |
| 10 | Please share your reasoning for a preferred contract term so that we may better understand. | Please give details: |
| 11 | contractual risks  What contractual risks, if any, have you identified in relation to the development, implementation, and service delivery? |  |
| 12 | How could we mitigate against any contractual risks you have identified? | Please give details: |

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| **E** | **Finance** | |
| 13 | What do you foresee the financial structure and components of service to be? e.g.   * Mobilisation * Core service delivery * Anything else? | Please give details: |

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| 14 | Are there any other comments or anything else we should be considering in relation to the pricing model and financial structure? |  |
| 15 | What financial risks, if any, have you identified in relation to the financial structure detailed in Q13? | Please give details: |
| 15a | How could we mitigate against any financial risks you have identified? | Please give details: |
| **F** | **Development and Implementation** | |
| 16 | How many weeks do you think will be required for the mobilisation of the service and why? | Please give details: |

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| 17 | In terms of the mobilisation, please describe the areas and reasons where you would require support from the Commissioners. | Please give details: |
| **G** | **Storage and Premises** | |
| 18 | In this scenario NHS England are Data Controllers for the outputs i.e. reports and Suppliers are the Data Processors.  We are interested in Suppliers’ views on:  What information they would store and why  What length of period they would hold onto the various data identified and why  Where would the data be held, including premises  approaches to data security and integrity | Please give details: |
| **H** | **Barriers to bidding:** | |
| 19 | Are there any barriers that might prevent suppliers from bidding, noting that all barriers are not within the control of the contracting authorities? If so, please outline. | Please give details: |

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| **I** | **Whole Service Risk** | |
| 20 | Please summarise the high-level material risks associated with the service delivery other than those identified already, including brief details of potential impact and provide details of how these might be mitigated | Please give details: |
| **J** | **Any other comments:** | |
| 21 | Are there any other elements that commissioners should be deliberating in addition to the questions above? Please use this as an opportunity to highlight anything else which should be considered in relation to this early market engagement process. |  |
| **K** | **Supplier Meetings** |  |
| 22 | If required, would you be interested in attending a supplier meeting to further explore your response to this RFI? | Yes/No |