

DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules)

Order Form

ORDER REFERENCE:	W44503 IT Health Check Service
THE BUYER:	NHS Business Services Authority
BUYER ADDRESS	Stella House Goldcrest Way Newburn Riverside Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE15 8NY
THE SUPPLIER:	Forfend Information Security Ltd
SUPPLIER ADDRESS:	11 Brindley Place Brunswick Square, Birmingham, England, B1 2LP
REGISTRATION NUMBER:	14029418
DUNS NUMBER:	228831338

APPLICABLE DPS CONTRACT

This Order Form is for the provision of the Deliverables and dated 20th August 2024. It's issued under the DPS Contract with the reference number RM3764iii for the provision of Cyber Security Services.

DPS FILTER CATEGORY(IES):

NCSC Assured Services, Penetration Testing/Pen test, CHECK, IT Health Check, Clearance: Security Check, Networks, Database, Internet, Cloud, Premises, Endpoint/applications

ORDER INCORPORATED TERMS

The following documents are incorporated into this Order Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using those schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This Order Form including the Order Special Terms and Order Special Schedules.

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2. Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions and Interpretation) RM3764iii
3. The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:
 - Joint Schedules for RM3764iii
 - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
 - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
 - Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
 - Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)
 - Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)
 - Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee)
 - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)
 - Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data) Not applicable to this Contract. The Supplier shall not process any Personal Data in the provision of the Services.
- Order Schedules for RM3764iii

 - Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)
 - Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender)
 - Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)
 - Order Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)
 - Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)
 - Order Schedule 9 (Security)
 - Order Schedule 10 (Exit Management)
 - Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing)
 - Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels)
 - Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)
 - Order Schedule 18 (Background Checks)
 - Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)
 - Order Schedule 22 (Secret Matters)
4. CCS Core Terms (DPS version)
5. Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM3764iii
6. Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender) as long as any parts of the Order Tender that offer a better commercial position for the Buyer (as decided by the Buyer) take precedence over the documents above.

No other Supplier terms are part of the Order Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

ORDER SPECIAL TERMS

The following Special Terms are incorporated into this Order Contract:

Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels), Part B: Performance Monitoring, Paragraph 3.3 is amended to read:

“3.3 The Parties shall attend meetings to discuss Performance Monitoring Reports ("Performance Review Meetings") on a **quarterly** 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:”

Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels), Part B: Performance Monitoring, Paragraph 3.4 is amended to read:

“3.4 The minutes of the preceding **Quarter's** Performance Review Meeting will be agreed and signed by both the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative at each meeting **within two (2) weeks of the minutes being circulated in accordance with Paragraph 3.3.3.**

Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels), Annex A to Part A: Service Levels and Service Credits Table is amended to include the Service Levels.

ORDER START DATE: 20th August 2024

ORDER EXPIRY DATE: 19th August 2027

ORDER INITIAL PERIOD: 3 years, 0 Months

ORDER OPTIONAL EXTENSION None.

DELIVERABLES

See details in Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification). Specific Deliverables relating to each individual IT Health Check will be documented in each Statement of Works (SOW).

MAXIMUM LIABILITY

The limitation of liability for this Order Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is £103,507

ORDER CHARGES

See details in Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

Recoverable as stated in the DPS Contract

PAYMENT METHOD

All invoices must reference a valid Purchase Order reference. Payment will be made via BACS.

BUYER'S INVOICE ADDRESS:

Invoices to be sent electronically to [REDACTED]

Address: NHS Business Services Authority, Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newburn
Riverside, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE15 8NY

BUYER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

[REDACTED]

Head of Cyber Security and Infrastructure

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Security Operations Manager

[REDACTED]

BUYER'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Appended at Order Form, Appendix B (NHSBSA Environmental Policy)

BUYER'S SECURITY POLICY

Appended at Order Form Template, Appendix C (NHSBSA Information Security Policy)

SUPPLIER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

[REDACTED]

Sales Manager

[REDACTED]

11 Brindley Place, Brunswick Square, Birmingham, B1 2LP

SUPPLIER'S CONTRACT MANAGER

[REDACTED]

Sales Manager

[REDACTED]

11 Brindley Place, Brunswick Square, Birmingham, B1 2LP

PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY

As and when required during the Delivery of individual Statement of Works.

PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY

One Progress Meeting to take place every Month as a minimum. Progress Meetings shall also take place as and when required during the Delivery of individual Statement of Works.

KEY STAFF

[REDACTED]
Sales Manager

[REDACTED]
11 Brindley Place, Brunswick Square, Birmingham, B1 2LP

[REDACTED]
Director
[REDACTED]
11 Brindley Place, Brunswick Square, Birmingham, B1 2LP

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Director
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KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

Not Applicable

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Supplier's Commercially Sensitive Information detailed in Joint Schedule 4
(Commercially Sensitive Information)

SERVICE CREDITS

Not applicable to this Order Contract.
The Service Credit Cap is: Not applicable.
The Service Period is one (1) Month.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCES

Not applicable

GUARANTEE

Not applicable
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SOCIAL VALUE COMMITMENT

See details in Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender)

For and on behalf of the Supplier:	For and on behalf of the Buyer:
Signed via DocuSign on 22/08/2024	Signed via DocuSign on 22/08/2024

Appendix A (Statement of Work Template)

STATEMENT OF WORK (SoW)

This schedule outlines the work to be carried out within each delivery stage.

A new SoW needs to be created for each delivery package.

This is the order to the Supplier and is used to monitor and measure the delivery of the requirements. It is also used to cross reference invoicing against delivery.

The rights, obligations and details agreed and set out in each SoW, only apply to the Services and Deliverables for this SoW. They do not relate to any past or future SoW, unless specified.

Where applicable, the Buyer and the Supplier may also choose to add the following documents to complement this SoW:

- The initial Service Delivery Plan – developed for this SoW
- Addition documents to support the deliverables
- High level objectives for this SoW

Overview:

SoW start date:	Select Date
SoW Reference:	
Buyer:	Buyer Full Name
Supplier:	Supplier Full Name
Sub-Contractors: (list all sub-contractors)	
Overall Estimated Service Completion Date: (the "Completion Date")	Select Date
Duration of SoW (How long the SoW will last – expressed as Working Days)	
Charging Mechanism(s) for this SoW: (E.g. Capped Time and Materials)	Choose an item.

Key Personnel:

The Parties agree that the Key Personnel in respect of the Service Delivery are detailed in the table below.

Table of Key Personnel:

Deliverables:

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Additional Requirements

Insert

Balanced scorecard & KPIs:

In addition to the Supplier's performance management obligations set out in the framework agreement, the Buyer and the Supplier have agreed the following Balanced Scorecard & KPIs for this Release: (use this template and amend with your own measures in line with these headings) Copy of the below can be found [here](#)



Contract Charges:

The Maximum Price for this SoW is: £xxxxx

The charging mechanism for this SoW is: *(Please tick below)*

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CAPPED TIME AND MATERIALS (complete
Time and Materials table)

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TIME AND MATERIALS (complete table below)

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FIXED PRICE (complete table below)

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MILESTONE DELIVERABLES

The detail behind each charging mechanism is found below.

Capped Time and Materials

- The maximum price the Supplier is entitled to charge the Buyer for Services delivered on a Capped Time and Materials basis (excluding VAT but including Expenses) is known as the Maximum Contract Charges.
- The Buyer must specify if the Maximum Price for this SoW and stipulate the Service Period. E.g. Maximum Price per Week, per Working Days etc.
- Capped Time and Materials shall be calculated on a daily basis at the respective time and material rates for each Supplier Staff for every day, or pro rata for every part of a day, that the Supplier Staff are actively performing the Services and in accordance with the relevant rates for such Supplier Staff as required to perform such Services.
- The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it shall provide the Services in relation to this SoW within the Maximum Price set out above; and it shall continue at its own cost and expense to provide the Services, even where the price of Services delivered to the Buyer on a Capped Time and Materials basis has exceeded the Maximum Price.
- The Buyer shall have no obligation or liability to pay for the cost of any Services delivered in respect of this SoW after the Maximum Price has been exceeded.

Time and Materials (T&M)

- The T&M pricing structure shall apply:
 - ✓ for Services delivered (or as agreed otherwise by the Parties); and
 - ✓ for other aspects of the Services as may be agreed by the Parties.
- T&M shall be calculated:
 - on a daily basis at the respective T&M rates for each Supplier Staff, for every day,
 - or pro rata for every part of a day that the Supplier Staff are actively performing the Services
- The relevant rates for such Supplier Staff is set out in the table below.
- The Supplier shall provide a detailed breakdown of any T&M; with sufficient detail to enable the Buyer to verify the accuracy of the T&M Contract Charges incurred.
- For the avoidance of doubt, no risks or contingencies shall be included in the Contract Charges in addition to the T&M.
- The Supplier shall retain a record timesheet for all staff providing the Services; which the Buyer may request for inspection at all reasonable times on request.
- T&M rates (excluding VAT) is an estimated cost for a SoW from Supplier proposal. If additional work is required. A further SoW is required. The Maximum Contract Charges may not be exceeded without consent from the Buyer. Please refer to Contract Change Note.

		Experience Level/ Day Rate/planned duration for this SoW					
Cyber Security Roles	Practioner Day Rate £	Planned Duration No. of Days	Senior Practioner Day Rate £	Planned Duration No. of Days	Lead Practioner Day Rate £	Planned Duration No. of Days	Total
Total value of this SoW:							
Estimated Contract Charge: <i>(23. of the Order Form)</i>							
Remainder of value under Estimated Contract Charge: <i>(23. of the Order Form minus All SoW total values)</i>							
Is there any risk to exceed Estimated Contract Charge: <i>Y/N & Comments below.</i>							Choose an item.
Comments:							

Fixed Price

- Where Services for this SoW are being delivered on a Fixed Price basis, the Contract Charges set out in the table below shall apply.
- The Parties acknowledge and agree that the following assumptions, representations shall apply in relation to the prices set out in the table below.
- Fixed Price Contract Charges (excluding VAT) shall be applied as follows:

Fixed Charge	Description	Service Period (or if Payment linked to Milestones then, Milestone Date)	Breakdown By Role and Duration

Milestone Deliverables

- Milestone Deliverable pricing shall be against the service delivery plan agreed by the Buyer and Supplier at the start of the SoW.
- The Supplier must complete the service Deliverable by the due date.
- The Buyer will review the Deliverable against the agreed acceptance criteria to sign off acceptance
- Once the Buyer has accepted the Deliverable the Supplier can raise and send an invoice.

Agreement of SoW:

By signing this SoW, the Parties agree to be bound by the RM3764ii Call-Off Contract terms and conditions set out herein:

Signed by an authorised signatory

SIGNED:

	Supplier:	Buyer:
Name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature:	<div><div>X</div><div></div></div> <div>19/8/24</div>	<div><div>X</div><div></div></div> <div>Select Data</div>

Appendix B NHSBSA Environmental Policy

Environmental policy

The NHSBSA is a Special Health Authority and an Arm's Length Body (ALB) of the Department of Health (DH). We provide a range of critical central services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public. The NHSBSA was created in 2006 by bringing together a number of previously separate NHS organisations. We still deliver the core range of services we started with and have taken on additional services as our stakeholders' needs have evolved.

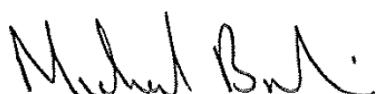
We recognise that our activities, products and services, and the way we choose to deliver them, can have both a negative and positive impact upon the environment, and therefore an impact upon our employees and local communities.

We are committed to:

- ✓ protecting the environment and preventing pollution caused by what we do
- ✓ ensuring that we comply with environmental laws related to what we do, and meeting the requirements of other policies, strategies etc. we support such as those created by Government, Department of Health and NHS
- ✓ continually improve our environmental management system to enhance our performance by setting and reviewing objectives and targets relevant to the NHSBSA each year. We focus on:
 - maintaining an appropriate governance framework, which ensures continual improvement and a commitment to fulfil our compliance obligations
 - reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change
 - reducing waste and maximising resource efficiency
 - reducing water use
 - creating wider environmental, social and economic value, through our activities and our supply chain

We will achieve this by:

- ✓ operating an NHSBSA-wide environmental management system, which instructs staff and others on how to carry out key activities
- ✓ training and coaching staff (and others where appropriate) to ensure they understand how to play their part
- ✓ communicating with staff (and others where appropriate) about environmental issues
- ✓ actively engaging with relevant forums and groups to learn from others and share our knowledge and experience



Michael Brodie, Chief Executive NHSBSA

Appendix C Information Security Policy

Information Security Policy

Issue sheet

Document reference	ISMSPOL 001
Document location	ISMS>Document control>Document review 2023
Title	NHSBSA Information Security Policy
Author	Information Security & Business Continuity Manager
Owner	NHSBSA CEO and NHSBSA SIRO
Issued to	All NHSBSA staff
Reason issued	For information/action
Last reviewed	March 2023
Review Cycle	Two years
Date of Wellbeing and Inclusion Assessment	No Impact
Date of Fraud Review	No Impact

Revision details

Version	Date	Amended by	Approved by	Details of amendments
V1.0	February 2019	Lead Information Security Risk Manager	BISG	Info sec policy statement signed and ISMSPOL 001 communicated to staff
V2.0	February 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager	BISG	Approved at BISG 20/02/2020 – communicated to all staff.
V3.0	January 2021	Information Security Risk and BC Manager	BISG	Approved at BISG
V4.0	March 2023	Information Security & Business Continuity Manager	BISG	Full review to reflect revised structure.

Information security policy statement

The NHSBSA is committed to ensuring that we manage our information, and the information of our clients and stakeholders that we manage on their behalf, securely. This means that we will implement, and monitor the effectiveness of, controls designed to preserve its confidentiality, integrity, and availability in line with our business and legal and regulatory requirements.

Our information security objectives are aligned to our business objectives and are delivered through our information security management system (ISMS).

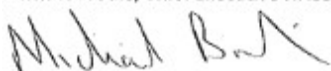
Our ISMS is certified to the *ISO27001:2013 Information security management system* standard to ensure that it is independently and regularly assessed for effectiveness and continual improvement.

We have established an information security governance framework and allocated specific roles, responsibilities, and resources to ensure that our ISMS is


- implemented effectively,
- responsive to changes in legal and regulatory requirements,
- responsive to changes to the threat landscape

In support of our specific roles and responsibilities we have an ongoing information security training and awareness programme to ensure that all NHSBSA staff, contractors, and suppliers understand their responsibilities for handling information securely.

Michael Brodie, Chief Executive NHSBSA



Mark Dibble, SIRO NHSBSA



1. Purpose

- 1.1. This policy is our 'Statement of Management Intent' and is supported by topic- specific policies, each of which will be delivered through appropriate information security standards, processes, procedures and guidelines.
- 1.2. This policy is intended to be read and understood by all NHSBSA staff and stakeholders responsible for managing, maintaining, delivering and assessing the effectiveness of our information security management programme.

2. Governance, Roles, and Responsibilities

- 2.1 There is an established information security management governance structure in place which is shown in Annex 1.
- 2.2 Key roles and responsibilities are given below.

Accounting Officer

Our Accounting Officer is the Chief Executive who has overall organisational accountability for effective information security management across the NHSBSA.

Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO)

Our SIRO is responsible for taking ownership of our information risk policy, acting as an advocate for information risk to the Board, and providing advice to the Accounting Officer on the content of governance statements regarding information risk.

Caldicott Guardian

Our Caldicott Guardian is responsible for ensuring the confidential information of our service users is used ethically, legally and appropriately.

Data Protection Officer

Our Data Protection Officer is responsible for informing and advising NHSBSA employees and stakeholders of their data protection obligations and collaborating with them on managing the relevant privacy risks for customers and staff.

Information Asset Owner (IAO)

Information Asset Owners are Directors of NHSBSA responsible for

- understanding and addressing risks to the information asset they 'own'
- providing assurance to the SIRO on the security and use of their assets, and the effective management of information risk

- maintaining the confidentiality of their information assets, ensuring that access to assets is controlled and that the information is securely kept
- ensuring personal data is identified, securely handled and can be used in ways that it is needed
- ensuring information is appropriately protected and proper safeguards are applied when it is shared
- ensuring information is managed appropriately during and following change
- maintaining an understanding of 'owned' assets and how they are used
- knowing what information is held and who has access to it for what purpose
- leading and fostering a culture that values, protects and uses information for the public good

Information Asset Administrator (IAA)

Information Asset Administrators are Heads of Service of NHSBSA responsible for

- providing day-to-day support to the IAO in managing information risks in their area
- ensuring that information security and governance policies and procedures are followed
- ensuring their information asset registers are accurate and up to date
- approving service-based information security risk assessments and risk treatment plans
- ensuring compliance with data sharing agreements within their service
- ensuring service-based information handling procedures are fit for purpose and properly applied
- recognising new information handling requirements and consulting with their IAO over appropriate procedures
- ensuring appropriate access to their information is monitored and maintained

Head of Security & Information Governance

Our Head of Security & Information Governance is responsible for

- monitoring the effectiveness of our information security management programme
- providing expert advice to the business on all information security management matters
- ensuring that information security risks are assessed in a timely manner and treated in accordance with our approved risk appetite

Information Security & Business Continuity Manager

Our Information Security & Business Continuity Manager is responsible for managing the implementation, effective delivery and continual improvement of our

- information security management system
- information security assurance programme
- information security compliance framework
- business continuity management programme

Head of Cyber Security and Infrastructure Services

Our Head of Cyber Security and Infrastructure Services is responsible for

- providing expert advice to the business on all matters concerning technical security
- ensuring the operational effectiveness of technical security controls and processes
- being accountable for technical information security regulatory compliance across the NHSBSA

Cyber Security Operations Manager

Our Cyber Security Operations Manager is responsible for

- providing advice and guidance around cyber security threats and vulnerabilities
- providing cyber security architecture and engineering resource to facilitate safe design and implementation of products and technical security controls
- ensuring that all technical security risks are appropriately managed
- monitoring technical security systems and controls and effectively managing alerts
- timely reporting and investigation of cyber security incidents

Staff and contractors

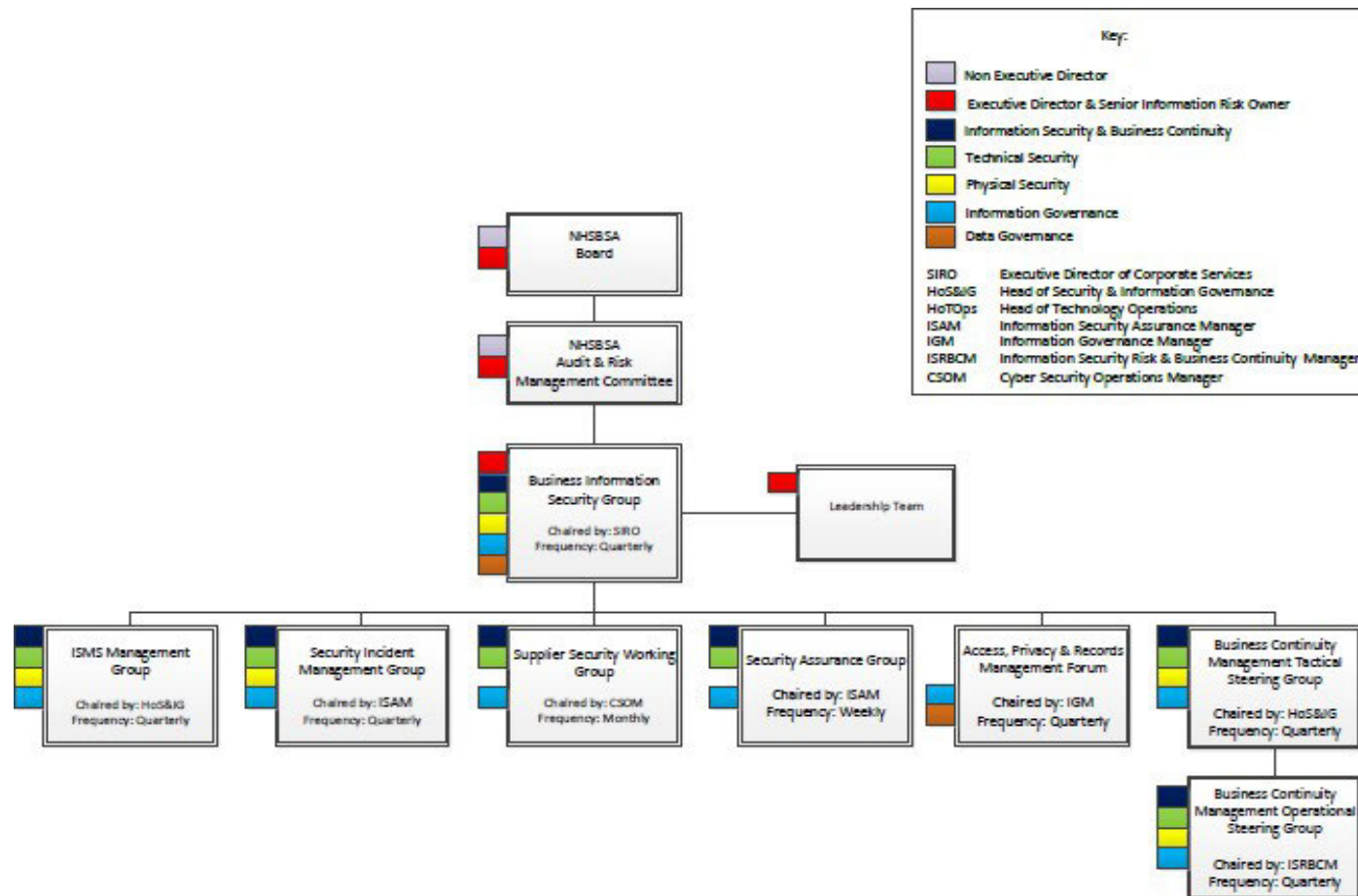
NHSBSA staff and contractors are responsible for

- complying with NHSBSA information security policies, standards, processes and procedures and the appropriate protection of information assets
- being accountable for their actions in relation to the security of information that they manage, process or control
- completing annual training in a timely manner to ensure that information security roles and responsibilities are understood
- safeguarding hardware, software and information in their care

3. Compliance

- 3.1 In applying this policy, the NHSBSA will have due regard for the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equality of opportunity, and provide for good relations between people of diverse groups, in particular on the grounds of the following characteristics protected by the Equality Act (2010); age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation, in addition to offending background, trade union membership, or any other personal characteristic.
- 3.2 Compliance with this policy **is** subject to internal and external audit to ensure its effectiveness.

Annex 1 – ISMS Governance Structure



1. Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions)

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

1.3.11 the headings in each Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of a Contract; and

1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Crown Body the Supplier shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole.

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

"Accreditations and Standards"	the Accreditations and Standards Filter Category detailed in DPS Schedule 1.
"Additional Insurances"	insurance requirements relating to an Order Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
"Admin Fee"	means the costs incurred by CCS in dealing with MI Failures calculated in accordance with the tariff of administration charges published by the CCS on: http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/management-information/admin-fees ;
"Affected Party"	the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
"Affiliates"	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;
"Annex"	extra information which supports a Schedule;
"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Buyer and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Audit"	the Relevant Authority's right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Buyer under an Order Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract); b) 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; c) verify the Open Book Data; d) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law; e) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 27 to 33 and/or Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Relevant Authority shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;

	<p>f) 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;</p> <p>g) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Relevant Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;</p> <p>h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with each Contract;</p> <p>i) carry out the Relevant Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Relevant Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;</p> <p>j) 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 Relevant Authority has used its resources;</p> <p>k) verify the accuracy and completeness of any Management Information delivered or required by the DPS Contract;</p>
"Auditor"	<p>a) the Relevant Authority's internal and external auditors;</p> <p>b) the Relevant Authority's statutory or regulatory auditors;</p> <p>c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;</p> <p>d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office;</p> <p>e) any party formally appointed by the Relevant Authority to carry out audit or similar review functions; and</p> <p>f) successors or assigns of any of the above;</p>
"Authority"	CCS and each Buyer;
"Authority Cause"	any breach of the obligations of the Relevant Authority or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Relevant Authority, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Relevant Authority is liable to the Supplier;
"BACS"	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
"Buyer"	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;

"Buyer Assets"	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;
"Buyer Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Order Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
"Buyer Premises"	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);
"Buyer Property"	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 Order Contract;
"CCS"	the Minister for the Cabinet Office as represented by Crown Commercial Service, which is an executive agency and operates as a trading fund of the Cabinet Office, whose offices are located at 9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9PP;
"CCS Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the DPS Contract initially identified in the DPS Appointment Form and subsequently on the Platform;
"Central Government Body"	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: a) Government Department; b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal); c) Non-Ministerial Department; or d) Executive Agency;
"Change in Law"	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;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Order Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Order Contract less any Deductions;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;

"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in the DPS Appointment Form or Order 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 Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
"Compliance Officer"	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;
"Confidential Information"	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, 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 "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
"Conflict of Interest"	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Buyer under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer or CCS;
"Contract"	either the DPS Contract or the Order Contract, as the context requires;
"Contracts Finder"	the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
"Contract Period"	the term of either a DPS Contract or Order Contract from the earlier of the: a) applicable Start Date; or b) the Effective Date until the applicable End Date;
"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and "Controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Core Terms"	CCS' standard terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Supplier must interact with CCS and Buyers under DPS Contracts and Order Contracts;

"Costs"	<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"> a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Man Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff; ii) employer's National Insurance contributions; iii) pension contributions; iv) car allowances; v) any other contractual employment benefits; vi) staff training; vii) work place accommodation; viii) work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer; 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; 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; d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> but excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Overhead; b) financing or similar costs; c) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Order Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise; d) taxation; e) fines and penalties;
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	f) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);
"Crown Body"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"Cyber Security Services"	those Service available under this DPS Contract as documented at DPS Schedule 1
"Data Loss Event"	any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Contract, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Contract, including any Personal Data Breach;
"Data Protection Legislation"	(i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (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;
"Data Protection Impact Assessment"	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject Access Request"	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;
"Deductions"	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under an Order Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of a 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 a Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Relevant Authority;
"Default Management Levy"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);

"Delay Payments"	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;
"Deliverables"	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of an Order Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by confirmation in writing to the Supplier. "Deliver" and "Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Disaster"	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 Order Form (for the purposes of this definition the "Disaster Period");
"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference arises 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;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
"Documentation"	<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 a Contract as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"DOTAS"	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;
"DPA 2018"	the Data Protection Act 2018;
"DPS"	the dynamic purchasing system operated by CCS in accordance with Regulation 34 that this DPS Contract governs access to;
"DPS Application"	the application submitted by the Supplier to CCS and annexed to or referred to in DPS Schedule 2 (DPS Application);
"DPS Appointment Form"	the document outlining the DPS Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the DPS Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and CCS and subsequently held on the Platform;
"DPS Contract"	the dynamic purchasing system access agreement established between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with Regulation 34 by the DPS Appointment Form for the provision of the Deliverables to Buyers by the Supplier pursuant to the OJEU Notice;
"DPS Contract Period"	the period from the DPS Start Date until the End Date or earlier termination of the DPS Contract;
"DPS Expiry Date"	the date of the end of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the DPS Contract specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Initial Period"	the initial term of the DPS Contract as specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the DPS Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Pricing"	the maximum price(s) applicable to the provision of the Deliverables set out in DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Pricing);
"DPS Registration"	the registration process a Supplier undertakes when submitting its details onto the Platform;
"DPS SQ Submission"	the Supplier's selection questionnaire response;
"DPS Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the DPS Appointment Form incorporated into the DPS Contract;
"DPS Start Date"	the date of start of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;

"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Employment Regulations"	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced or any other Regulations implementing the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC;
"End Date"	the earlier of: a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Authority under Clause 10.2); or b) if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;
"Environmental Policy"	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;
"Estimated Year 1 Contract Charges"	the anticipated total charges payable by the Supplier in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form;
"Estimated Yearly Charges"	means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2 : i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Contract Charges; or ii) in any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Contract Year; or iii) after the end of the Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Contract Period;
"Equality and Human Rights Commission"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Existing IPR"	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);
"Expiry Date"	the DPS Expiry Date or the Order Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
"Extension Period"	the DPS Optional Extension Period or the Order Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;
"Filter Categories"	the number of categories specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
"FOIA"	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;
"Force Majeure Event"	<p>any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Relevant Authority or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies; d) fire, flood or any disaster; or 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"> i) 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; ii) 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 iii) any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds;
"Force Majeure Notice"	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;
"GDPR"	the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
"General Anti-Abuse Rule"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
"General Change in Law"	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;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to an Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Good Industry Practice"	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;

"Government"	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;
"Government Data"	<p>a) 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 Authority's Confidential Information, and which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; or ii) the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract; or <p>b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Data Controller;</p>
"Government Procurement Card"	<p>the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services;</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card--2;</p>
"Guarantor"	the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
"HMRC"	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
"ICT Policy"	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Order Form, which is in force as at the Order Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
"Impact Assessment"	<p>an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Relevant Authority completed in good faith, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation; c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the DPS Pricing/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; d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and

	e) such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Independent Control"	where a Controller has provided Personal Data to another Party which is not a Processor or a Joint Controller because the recipient itself determines the purposes and means of processing but does so separately from the Controller providing it with Personal Data and "Independent Controller" shall be construed accordingly;
"Information"	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Information Commissioner"	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;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of a Contract specified on the Platform or the Order Form, as the context requires;
"Insolvency Event"	<p>a) in respect of a person:</p> <p>b) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or</p> <p>c) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or</p> <p>d) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) Working Days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>e) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or</p> <p>f) an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or</p> <p>g) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>h) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 382(3) of the Companies Act 2006, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p>

	<p>i) where the person is an individual or partnership, any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (g) (inclusive) occurs in relation to that individual or partnership; or</p> <p>j) any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (h) (inclusive) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction;</p>
"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"	<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>
"Invoicing Address"	the address to which the Supplier shall Invoice the Buyer as specified in the Order Form;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a 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: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies ;
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing;
"Key Personnel"	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
"Key Sub-Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key Subcontractor"	<p>any Subcontractor:</p> <p>a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or</p> <p>b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or</p> <p>c) with a Sub-Contract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the</p>

	<p>aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under the Order Contract,</p> <p>and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors on the Platform and in the Key Subcontractor Section in the Order Form;</p>
"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 applicable Start Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the relevant Party is bound to comply;
"LED"	Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680);
"Losses"	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 "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Malicious Software"	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;
"Man Hours"	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;
"Management Information"	the management information specified in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
"Management Levy"	the sum specified on the Platform payable by the Supplier to CCS in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
"Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"MI Default"	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period;
"MI Failure"	<p>means when an MI report:</p> <p>a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or</p>

	<p>b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or</p> <p>c) is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);</p>
"MI Report"	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
"MI Reporting Template"	means the form of report set out in the Annex to DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information) setting out the information the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority;
"Milestone"	an event or task described as such in the Implementation Plan;
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be achieved;
"Month"	a calendar month and "Monthly" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"National Insurance"	contributions required by the National Insurance Contributions Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1868) made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992;
"New IPR"	<p>a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of a Contract and updates and amendments of these items including (but not limited to) database schema; and/or</p> <p>b) IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same;</p> <p>but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR;</p>
"Occasion of Tax Non – Compliance"	<p>where:</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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 <p>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;</p>

"Open Book Data"	<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 Order Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables; ii) 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; iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form; c) Overheads; d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables; e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the DPS Contract Period and on an annual basis; 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; 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 h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;
"Open Government Licence"	<p>means the licensing terms for use of government intellectual property at:</p> <p>http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/</p>
"Order"	<p>means an order for the provision of the Deliverables placed by a Buyer with the Supplier under a Contract;</p>
"Order Contract"	<p>the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the DPS Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form;</p>

"Order Contract Period"	the Contract Period in respect of the Order Contract;
"Order Expiry Date"	the date of the end of an Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Order Form"	a completed Order Form Template (or equivalent information issued by the Buyer) used to create an Order Contract;
"Order Form Template"	the template in DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules);
"Order Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Order Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
"Order Initial Period"	the Initial Period of an Order Contract specified in the Order Form;
"Order Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Order Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Order Form;
"Order Procedure"	the process for awarding an Order Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and DPS Schedule 7 (Order Procedure);
"Order Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form incorporated into the applicable Order Contract;
"Order Start Date"	the date of start of an Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Order Tender"	the tender submitted by the Supplier in response to the Buyer's Statement of Requirements following an Order Procedure and set out at Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender);
"Other Contracting Authority"	any actual or potential Buyer under the DPS Contract;
"Overhead"	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";
"Parliament"	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
"Party"	in the context of the DPS Contract, CCS or the Supplier, and in the in the context of an Order Contract the Buyer or the Supplier. "Parties" shall mean both of them where the context permits;

"Performance Indicators" or "PIs"	the performance measurements and targets in respect of the Supplier's performance of the DPS Contract set out in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management);
"Personal Data"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personal Data Breach"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of a Party and/or of any Subcontractor and/or Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Platform"	the online application operated on behalf of CCS to facilitate the technical operation of the DPS;
"Prescribed Person"	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: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies ;
"Processing"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Progress Meeting"	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;
"Progress Meeting Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall conduct a Progress Meeting in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Progress Report"	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
"Progress Report Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall deliver Progress Reports in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Prohibited Acts"	<p>a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity; <p>b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for</p>

	<p>improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with each Contract; or</p> <p>c) committing any offence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or <p>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;</p>
"Protective Measures"	appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include 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 including those outlined in DPS Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials), if applicable, in the case of the DPS Contract or Order Schedule 9 (Security), if applicable, in the case of an Order Contract;
"Recall"	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 right IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;
"Recipient Party"	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
"Rectification Plan"	<p>the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify its breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan Template) which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis; b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable);
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 10.4.3 to 10.4.5 (Rectification Plan Process);
"Regulations"	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);

"Reimbursable Expenses"	<p>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 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>
"Relevant Authority"	<p>the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;</p>
"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"	<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 Relevant Authority (including all Relevant Authority 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 Relevant Authority's attention or into the Relevant Authority's possession in connection with a Contract; and</p> <p>information derived from any of the above;</p>
"Relevant Requirements"	<p>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;</p>
"Relevant Tax Authority"	<p>HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;</p>
"Reminder Notice"	<p>a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.6 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;</p>
"Replacement Deliverables"	<p>any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables following the Order Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;</p>
"Replacement Subcontractor"	<p>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);</p>
"Replacement Supplier"	<p>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;</p>

"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order Form;
"Schedules"	any attachment to a DPS or Order Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
"Sectors and Domains"	the Sectors and Domains Filter Category defined in DPS Schedule 1;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Order Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
"Security Policy"	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Order Form, in force as at the Order Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
"Self Audit Certificate"	means the certificate in the form as set out in DPS Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Levels"	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Order Contract (which, where Order Schedule 14 (Service Credits) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
"Services"	services made available by the Supplier as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to an Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Service Transfer"	any transfer of the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;
"Service Transfer Date"	the date of a Service Transfer;
"Service Type"	means the Service Types Filter Category detailed in DPS Schedule 1
"Sites"	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which: a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;

"SME"	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;
"Special Terms"	any additional Clauses set out in the DPS Appointment Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;
"Specific Change in Law"	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;
"Specification"	the specification set out in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to an Order Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;
"Standards"	any: 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; b) standards detailed in the specification in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification); c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time; d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;
"Start Date"	in the case of the DPS Contract, the date specified on the DPS Appointment Form, and in the case of an Order Contract, the date specified in the Order Form;
"Statement of Requirements"	a statement issued by the Buyer detailing its requirements in respect of Deliverables issued in accordance with the Order Procedure;
"Storage Media"	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;

"Sub-Contract"	any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than an Order Contract or the DPS Contract, pursuant to which a third party: a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them); b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);
"Subcontractor"	any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to a Contract;
"Supplier"	the person, firm or company identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Order Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the DPS Appointment Form, or later defined in an Order Contract;
"Supplier's Confidential Information"	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; 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 a Contract; c) Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;
"Supplier's Contract Manager"	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the Order 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;
"Supplier Equipment"	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 Order Contract;
"Supplier Non-Performance"	where the Supplier has failed to: a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date; b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels ; and/or

	c) comply with an obligation under a Contract;
"Supplier Profit"	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 an Order Contract for the relevant period;
"Supplier Profit Margin"	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;
"Supplier Staff"	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 a Contract;
"Supply Chain Information Report Template"	the document at Annex 1 of Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility);
"Supporting Documentation"	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 Order Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
"Termination Notice"	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 a Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
"Test"	any test required to be carried out pursuant to the Order Contract i) as set out in the Test Plan agreed pursuant to Part B of Order Schedule 13, ii) or as specified elsewhere in this Order Contract, and "Testing" and "Tested" shall be construed accordingly;
"Third Party IPR"	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"Transferring Supplier Employees"	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;
"Transparency Information"	the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for – (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Relevant Authority; and (ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;
"Transparency Reports"	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance of the Contracts which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);

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"US-EU Privacy Shield Register"	a list of companies maintained by the United States of America Department for Commerce that have self-certified their commitment to adhere to the European legislation relating to the processing of personal data to non-EU countries which is available online at: https://www.privacyshield.gov/list ;
"Variation"	has the meaning given to it in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);
"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;
"Worker"	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) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees) applies in respect of the Deliverables; and
"Working Day"	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Order Form.

Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details		
This variation is between:	[delete as applicable: CCS / Buyer] ("CCS" "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: CCS/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">[CCS/Buyer to insert original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause]	
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 **[delete as applicable: CCS / Buyer]**
2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

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Signed by Buyer	Signed by Supplier

Joint Schedule 3 (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, any additional insurances required under an Order Contract (specified in the applicable Order Form) ("**Additional Insurances**") 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:
 - 1.1.1 the DPS Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and
 - 1.1.2 the Order Contract Effective Date in respect of the Additional Insurances.
- 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 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 Relevant Authority shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Relevant Authority 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 Relevant Authority 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 Relevant Authority, 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 Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

6. Cancelled Insurance

- 6.1 The Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority 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 Relevant Authority (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 each Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Relevant Authority receives a claim relating to or arising out of a Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall co-operate with the Relevant Authority and assist it in

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dealing with such claims including without limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.

- 7.2 Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Relevant Authority notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any insurance claim in excess of 10% of the sum required to be insured pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 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 policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Relevant Authority) 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 Relevant Authority any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.

ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

1. The Supplier shall hold the following [standard] insurance cover from the DPS Start Date in accordance with this Schedule:
 - 1.1 professional indemnity insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000);
 - 1.2 public liability insurance [with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate)] of not less than five million pounds (£5,000,000); and
 - 1.3 employer's liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than five million pounds (£5,000,000).

Joint Schedule 4 (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 Order Form (which shall be deemed incorporated into the table below).
- 1.3 Without prejudice to the Relevant Authority's obligation to disclose Information in accordance with FOIA or Clause 16 (When you can share information), the Relevant Authority 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	16/08/2024	ITT response Section 2.1 (Past Experience):	Duration of Contract
2	16/08/2024	ITT response Section 2.2 (Team Structure)	Duration of Contract
3	16/08/2024	ITT response Section 2.3 (Cultural Fit)	Duration of Contract
4	16/08/2024	Part C (Timescales and Penalty Clauses) ITT response Sections 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3 and 2.5.4	Duration of Contract

5	16/08/2024	<p>Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details):</p> <p>Section 4.4 Table 1 (Year 1 Day Rates)</p> <p>Section 4.5 Table 2 (Years 2 and 3 Day Rates)</p> <p>Section 5.2 Table 3 (Penalty Fees)</p> <p>Section 6.4 Table 3 (Rebate)</p>	Duration of Contract
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Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

1. What we expect from our Suppliers

- 1.1 In September 2017, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government.
(https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/646497/2017-09-13_Official_Sensitive_Supplier_Code_of_Conduct_September_2017.pdf)
- 1.2 CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet the standards set out in that Code. In addition, CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to comply with the standards set out in this Schedule.
- 1.3 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Buyer expects that the Supplier and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Buyer may notify to the Supplier from time to time.

2. Equality and Accessibility

- 2.1 In addition to legal obligations, the Supplier shall support CCS and the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under each Contract in a way that seeks to:
 - 2.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation of any kind; and
 - 2.1.2 advance equality of opportunity and 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.

3. Modern Slavery, Child Labour and Inhumane Treatment

"Modern Slavery Helpline" means the mechanism for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available online at <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report> or by telephone on 08000 121 700.

- 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 identify 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 of each Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 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 a Contract;
- 3.1.8 shall prepare and deliver to CCS, 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 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;
- 3.1.11 shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to CCS, the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

4. Income Security

4.1 The Supplier shall:

- 4.1.1 ensure that all wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards in the country of employment;
- 4.1.2 ensure that all Supplier Staff are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter;
- 4.1.3 ensure that all workers are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid;
- 4.1.4 not make deductions from wages:
 - (a) as a disciplinary measure

- (b) except where permitted by law; or
 - (c) without expressed permission of the worker concerned;
- 4.1.5 record all disciplinary measures taken against Supplier Staff; and
- 4.1.6 ensure that Supplier Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

5. Working Hours

5.1 The Supplier shall:

- 5.1.1 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;
- 5.1.2 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week unless the individual has agreed in writing;
- 5.1.3 ensure that use of overtime is used responsibly, taking into account:
 - (a) the extent;
 - (b) frequency; and
 - (c) hours worked;

by individuals and by the Supplier Staff as a whole;

- 5.2 The total hours worked in any seven day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 5.3 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any seven day period only in exceptional circumstances where all of the following are met:
 - 5.3.1 this is allowed by national law;
 - 5.3.2 this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce;
 - 5.3.3 appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and
 - 5.3.4 the employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.
- 5.4 All Supplier Staff shall be provided with at least one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period or, where allowed by national law, two (2) days off in every fourteen (14) day period.

6. Sustainability

- 6.1 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>

Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)

1. Restrictions on certain subcontractors

- 1.1 The Supplier is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under the DPS Contract to the Key Subcontractors identified on the Platform.
- 1.2 The Supplier is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under an Order Contract to Key Subcontractors listed on the Platform who are specifically nominated in the Order Form.
- 1.3 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 CCS and the Buyer and the Supplier shall, at the time of requesting such consent, provide CCS and the Buyer with the information detailed in Paragraph 1.4. The decision of CCS and the Buyer to consent or not will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Where CCS consents to the appointment of a New Key Subcontractor then they will be added to the Platform. Where the Buyer consents to the appointment of a New Key Subcontractor then they will be added to the Key Subcontractor section of the Order Form. CCS and the Buyer may reasonably withhold their consent to the appointment of a Key Subcontractor if it considers that:
 - 1.3.1 the appointment of a proposed Key Subcontractor may prejudice the provision of the Deliverables or may be contrary to its interests;
 - 1.3.2 the proposed Key Subcontractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reliable goods and or reasonable services to its other customers; and/or
 - 1.3.3 the proposed Key Subcontractor employs unfit persons.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide CCS and the Buyer with the following information in respect of the proposed Key Subcontractor:
 - 1.4.1 the proposed Key Subcontractor's name, registered office and company registration number;
 - 1.4.2 the scope/description of any Deliverables to be provided by the proposed Key Subcontractor;
 - 1.4.3 where the proposed Key Subcontractor is an Affiliate of the Supplier, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the CCS and the Buyer that the proposed Key Sub-Contract has been agreed on "arm's-length" terms;
 - 1.4.4 for CCS, the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected DPS Price over the DPS Contract Period;
 - 1.4.5 for the Buyer, the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected Charges over the Order Contract Period; and

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- 1.5 If requested by CCS and/or the Buyer, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the information provided by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.4, the Supplier shall also provide:
 - 1.5.1 a copy of the proposed Key Sub-Contract; and
 - 1.5.2 any further information reasonably requested by CCS and/or the Buyer.
- 1.6 The Supplier shall ensure that each new or replacement Key Sub-Contract shall include:
 - 1.6.1 provisions which will enable the Supplier to discharge its obligations under the Contracts;
 - 1.6.2 a right under CRTPA for CCS and the Buyer to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub-Contract which confer a benefit upon CCS and the Buyer respectively;
 - 1.6.3 a provision enabling CCS and the Buyer to enforce the Key Sub-Contract as if it were the Supplier;
 - 1.6.4 a provision enabling the Supplier to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Key Sub-Contract to CCS and/or the Buyer;
 - 1.6.5 obligations no less onerous on the Key Subcontractor than those imposed on the Supplier under the DPS Contract in respect of:
 - (a) the data protection requirements set out in Clause 14 (Data protection);
 - (b) the FOIA and other access request requirements set out in Clause 16 (When you can share information);
 - (c) the obligation not to embarrass CCS or the Buyer or otherwise bring CCS or 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);
 - 1.6.6 provisions enabling the Supplier to terminate the Key Sub-Contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Supplier than those imposed on CCS and the Buyer under Clauses 10.4 (When CCS or the Buyer can end this contract) and 10.5 (What happens if the contract ends) of this Contract; and
 - 1.6.7 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 CCS and the Buyer.

Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)

1. Definitions

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

"Credit Rating Threshold"	the minimum credit rating level for the Monitored Company as set out in the third Column of the table at Annex 2 and
"Financial Distress Event"	<p>the occurrence or one or more of the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the credit rating of the Monitored Company dropping below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold;b) the Monitored Company issuing a profits warning to a stock exchange or making any other public announcement about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;c) there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of the Monitored Party;d) Monitored Company committing a material breach of covenant to its lenders;e) a Key Subcontractor (where applicable) notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute; orf) any of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) commencement of any litigation against the Monitored Company with respect to financial indebtedness or obligations under a contract;ii) non-payment by the Monitored Company of any financial indebtedness;

- iii) any financial indebtedness of the Monitored Company becoming due as a result of an event of default; or
- iv) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of the Monitored Company

in each case which CCS reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued performance of any Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with any Order Contract;

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Service Continuity
Plan"**

a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Order Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs;

**"Monitored
Company"**

Supplier [the DPS Guarantor/ [and Order Guarantor] or any Key Subcontractor]

"Rating Agency" the rating agency stated in 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 Monitored Companies and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.
- 2.2 The terms of this Schedule shall survive termination or expiry of this Contract.

3. What happens when your credit rating changes

- 3.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to CCS that as at the Start Date the credit rating issued for the Monitored Companies by the Rating Agency is as set out in Annex 2.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Working Days) notify CCS in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by the Rating Agency for a Monitored Company which means that the credit rating for the Monitored company falls below the Credit Rating Threshold.
- 3.3 If there is any such downgrade credit rating issued by the Rating Agency for a Monitored Company the Supplier shall at CCS' request ensure that the Monitored Company's auditors thereafter provide CCS within 10 Working Days of the end of each Contract Year and within 10 Working Days of written request by CCS (such requests not to exceed 4 in any Contract Year) with written calculations of the quick ratio for the Monitored Company as at the end of each Contract Year or such other date as may be requested by CCS. For these purposes the "quick ratio" on any date means:

$$\frac{A + B + C}{D}$$

where:

- A is the value at the relevant date of all cash in hand and at the bank of the Monitored Company];
- B is the value of all marketable securities held by the Supplier the Monitored Company determined using closing prices on the Working Day preceding the relevant date;
- C is the value at the relevant date of all account receivables of the Monitored]; and
- D is the value at the relevant date of the current liabilities of the Monitored Company].

3.4 The Supplier shall:

- 3.4.1 regularly monitor the credit ratings of each Monitored Company with the Rating Agency; and
- 3.4.2 promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) CCS 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.

- 3.5 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred the credit rating of the Monitored Company shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if the Rating Agency has rated the Monitored Company at or below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

4. What happens if there is a financial distress event

- 4.1 In the event of a Financial Distress Event then, immediately upon notification of the Financial Distress Event (or if CCS 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 CCS shall have the rights and remedies as set out in Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6.
- 4.2 In the event that a Financial Distress Event arises due to a Key Subcontractor notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute then, CCS shall not exercise any of its rights or remedies under Paragraph 4.3 without first giving the Supplier ten (10) Working Days to:
 - 4.2.1 rectify such late or non-payment; or
 - 4.2.2 demonstrate to CCS's reasonable satisfaction that there is a valid reason for late or non-payment.
- 4.3 The Supplier shall and shall procure that the other Monitored Companies shall:
 - 4.3.1 at the request of CCS meet CCS 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 each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance each Call-Off Contract; and
 - 4.3.2 where CCS reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 4.3.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract:

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- (a) submit to CCS 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); and
 - (b) provide such financial information relating to the Monitored Company as CCS may reasonably require.
- 4.4 If CCS 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 CCS 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 Approved by CCS or referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.5 If CCS considers that the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated, will take too long to complete or will not remedy the relevant Financial Distress Event, then it may either agree a further time period for the development and agreement of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan or escalate any issues with the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.6 Following Approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by CCS, the Supplier shall:
 - 4.6.1 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 each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract;

- 4.6.2 where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to CCS for its Approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 shall apply to the review and Approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and
- 4.6.3 comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).
- 4.7 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 CCS and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 4.6.
- 4.8 CCS shall be able to share any information it receives from the Supplier in accordance with this Paragraph with any Buyer who has entered into a Call-Off Contract with the Supplier.

5. When CCS or the Buyer can terminate for financial distress

- 5.1 CCS shall be entitled to terminate this Contract and Buyers shall be entitled to terminate their Call-Off Contracts for material Default if:
 - 5.1.1 the Supplier fails to notify CCS of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 3.4;
 - 5.1.2 CCS and the Supplier fail to agree a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5; and/or
 - 5.1.3 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 4.6.3.

6. What happens If your credit rating is still good

- 6.1 Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and CCS' and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 5, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Rating Agency reviews and reports subsequently that the credit rating does not drop below the relevant Credit Rating Threshold, then:
 - 6.1.1 the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6; and
 - 6.1.2 CCS shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 4.3.2(b).

ANNEX 1: RATING AGENCY

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ANNEX 2: CREDIT RATINGS & CREDIT RATING THRESHOLDS

Part 1: Current Rating

Entity	Credit rating (D&B Failure Rating)	Credit Rating Threshold
Forfend Information Security Limited (Supplier)	3 – Moderate	3 - Moderate
[DPS Guarantor/ [and Order Guarantor]	n/a	n/a
[Key Subcontractor]	n/a	n/a

Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

Request for [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Details of the Default:	[Guidance: Explain the Default, with clear schedule and clause references as appropriate]		
Deadline for receiving the [Revised] Rectification Plan:	[add] date (minimum 10 days from request)]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer] :		Date:	
Supplier [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Cause of the Default	[add] cause]		
Anticipated impact assessment:	[add] impact]		
Actual effect of Default:	[add] effect]		
Steps to be taken to rectification:	Steps	Timescale	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	
Timescale for complete Rectification of Default	[X] Working Days		
Steps taken to prevent recurrence of Default	Steps	Timescale	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	

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Signed by the Supplier:		Date:	
Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Buyer]			
Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]		
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer]		Date:	

Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)

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.
2. Without prejudice to the Supplier's reporting requirements set out in the DPS 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.
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.
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
As per reporting obligations for the Service Levels, as detailed in Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels).	As per reporting obligations for the Service Levels, as detailed in Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels).	As per reporting obligations for the Service Levels, as detailed in Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels).	As per reporting obligations for the Service Levels, as detailed in Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels).

Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender)

Part A (Mandatory Requirements)

1. The Services shall meet all mandatory requirements as detailed in Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification), Paragraph 4.

TECHNICAL ENVELOPE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Tender Evaluation Criteria will follow the approach below:

1 Mandatory Requirements	Pass / Fail
2 Written Submission – Quality Weighting	50% weighting (max. score 40)
2.1 Quality sub-weighting – Past Experience	30% of Quality (max. score 12)
2.2 Quality sub-weighting – Team Structure	10% of Quality (max. score 4)
2.3 Quality sub-weighting – Cultural Fit	40% of Quality (max. score 16)
2.4 Quality sub-weighting - Timescales – Cancellations / Postponements (remote)	10% of Quality (max. score 4)
2.5 Quality sub-weighting - Penalty Clauses	10% of Quality (max. score 4)
3 Price Submission	40% weighting
3.1 Price sub-weighting – Day Rates	90% of Price (lowest Day Rates receives 100% and others scored as a proportion of this)
3.2 Price sub-weighting – Year 1 Rebate	10% of Price (highest Y1 Rebate receives 100% and others scored as a proportion of this)
4 Social Value Submission	10% weighting
4.1 Social Value Model	10% of Social Value

1. Mandatory Requirements

Minimum
Pass Mark:

PASS

Fail

No confirmation – all Mandatory Requirements detailed in Section 4 of the Specification will not be met

Pass

Confirmation all Mandatory Requirements detailed in Section 4 of the Specification will be met

YOUR RESPONSE

I **confirm** that Forfend Information Security Limited can meet all Mandatory Requirements detailed in Section 4 of the Specification.

Part B (Written Submission)

2. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Please tell us how you would deliver the requirements set out in the Specification in relation to the following questions:

2.1. Past Experience

- a. *Please demonstrate previous contract experience where you have delivered similar size and scoped contracts and undertaken testing for all of the areas within section 2 of The Buyer Needs, providing specific examples.*
- b. *Please also evidence familiarity and understanding of cloud technology and testing within cloud environments.*

2.2. Team Structure

- a. *Please demonstrate the expertise, roles and structure of your proposed team to support all of our penetration testing needs within section 2 of The Buyer Needs. Suppliers should include the ratio between CHECK Team Members and CHECK Team Leaders.*

2.3. Cultural Fit

- a. Please provide details of how your team will work with the buyer, integrating and collaborating with existing teams including flexibility if dates of testing needed to change at short notice. The buyer would expect 2 dedicated points of contact (Commercial and Test related).

You should refer back to the Specification throughout your proposal.

Word Count:

Maximum of 1,000 words for each question 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

No images or diagrams are allowed, with the exception of 2.2 if you wish to use a flowchart to help explain your team structure. Words in any such flowchart will not count towards the word count.

If your response to any of the questions exceeds the maximum word count, your Tender may not be evaluated any further and you may be disqualified at NHSBSA's sole discretion.

Evaluation Guidance:

The Supplier's written statement will be evaluated using the following evaluation sub-criteria:-

- 2.1) Past Experience 30% (max. score 12)
- 2.2) Team Structure 10% (max. score 4)
- 2.3) Cultural Fit 40% (max. score 16)

Each scored written response will be marked out of a maximum of 4 in line with the criteria at Table B below, and the score calculated as a proportion of the weighting available.

Table B

Score	Classification	Criteria for awarding score
0	Unacceptable	Completely fails to meet the Requirements (relevant to the question) or does not provide a response at all
1	Not Met	Significantly fails to meet the Requirements (relevant to the question), or contains significant shortcomings in many areas.
2	Partially Met	Meets a number of Requirements (relevant to the question), but falls short of achieving Requirements in a number of identifiable areas.
3	Mostly Met	Meets the Requirements (relevant to the question) in most (but not all) respects.
4	Met	Meets the Requirements (relevant to the question) in all respects and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement.

YOUR RESPONSE:

2.1 Past Experience

COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE: NOT FOR DISCLOSURE TO THIRD PARTIES

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Please tell us how you would deliver the requirements set out in the Specification in relation to the following question:

Timescales

Please provide details of the timescales involved in the following areas:

- 2.4) What Notice Period do you require as a minimum for Cancellations / Postponements / Changes to a remote test before a penalty charge will apply?

Response:	<p>Please specify <u>exact</u> number of days:</p> <p>2.4) [REDACTED]</p>												
Evaluation Guidance:	<p><i>The Supplier's written statement will be evaluated using the following evaluation sub-criteria:-</i></p> <p>2.4) <i>Timescales - Cancellations / Postponements / Changes (remote) 10%</i></p> <p>Timescales Question 2.4 regarding Cancellations, Postponements or Changes will be marked out of a maximum of 4 in line with Table C below, and the score calculated as a proportion of the weighting available.</p> <p><u>Table C</u></p> <table><tr><th>Score</th><th>Classification</th><th>Criteria for awarding score</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Unacceptable</td><td>16+ Working Days</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Not Met</td><td>12 – 15 Working Days</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Partially Met</td><td>11 or 12 Working Days</td></tr></table>	Score	Classification	Criteria for awarding score	0	Unacceptable	16+ Working Days	1	Not Met	12 – 15 Working Days	2	Partially Met	11 or 12 Working Days
Score	Classification	Criteria for awarding score											
0	Unacceptable	16+ Working Days											
1	Not Met	12 – 15 Working Days											
2	Partially Met	11 or 12 Working Days											

	3	Mostly Met	6 – 10 Working Days
	4	Met	0 – 5 Working Days

Please tell us how you would deliver the requirements set out in the Specification in relation to the following:

2.5) Penalty Clauses (linked to notice periods)

Please provide details of any financial penalties, expressed as a percentage of signed SOW Value, that would be incurred in the following scenarios:

- 2.5.1 Cancelling during a test – i.e. while it is in progress;
- 2.5.2 Cancelling a test outside of the Notice Period in Question 2.4;
- 2.5.3 Changing the scope and number of test days outside of the Notice Period in Question 2.4;
- 2.5.4 Postponing a test outside of the Notice Period in Question 2.4.

Please note that the Supplier will be required to make reasonable endeavours to reduce their losses by moving resource onto tests with other clients in the above scenarios where relevant. The Penalty Clause will only apply if Supplier resource cannot be moved onto another test.

Please also confirm if there are additional charges for on-site e.g. unrecoverable expenses.

Response:

[Redacted Response Content]

The Supplier's response to the above question will be evaluated using the following evaluation sub-criteria and methodology:-

2.5) Penalty Clauses 10%

Using the percentages you provide, these will be combined to give a single percentage figure and marked out of a maximum of 4 in line with Table D below, and the score calculated as a proportion of the weighting available.

Table D

Score	Classification	Criteria for awarding score
0	Unacceptable	>400%
1	Not Met	301% - 400%
2	Partially Met	221% - 300%
3	Mostly Met	170% - 220%
4	Met	<170%

Worked Example

Scenario	Supplier A Response (Penalty as % of Signed SOW Value)
2.5.1	100%
2.5.2	50%
2.5.3	50%
2.5.4	50%
TOTAL:	250%


















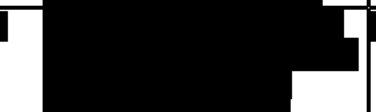







The total percentage of 250% would score a 2 (**Partially Met**) in line with Table D.

Social Value Environmental question

Question 1 (750 words):

At NHSBSA we view protecting the environment as a priority, for instance engaging with staff to do environmental volunteering or engaging with our supply chain. Detail how, through the delivery of the contract you will engage and monitor staff, suppliers, customers, and communities in supporting environmental protection and improvement.

Net Zero and Social Value Contract Management Plan				
W44503 [Proc] IT Health Check Service – NHS Business Services Authority				
Forfend Information Security Limited				
Theme(s) Selected	Overall Target Commitment(s)	Commitment Activities	Regularity of Reporting	Reporting Metric(s)
E.g., Fighting climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall target / commitment E.g., Commitment to reduce emissions generated through the delivery of the service by 30% vs. the emissions baseline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How this will be achieved E.g., Conversion of 100% of contract specific vehicle fleet to electric vehicles (EV) and ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) by contract year 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How often you will report on progress E.g., Commitment to report annually on progress for converting vehicle fleet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How you will report on the progress / activity E.g., % of car fleet converted to EV or ULEV at each review E.g., CO₂ equivalent (CO₂e) kg / tonne removed from the total tender emissions E.g., % of total contract emissions reduced through this initiative to date
				days donated

Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

1. Definitions

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

"Day Rate"	the Charges applicable to a single Man Day in a Statement of Work that uses either a Capped Time & Materials or a Time & Materials Charging Mechanism;
"Charging Mechanism"	as detailed in the Order Form, Appendix A (Statement Of Work Template), Contract Charges;
"Man Day"	7.5 Man Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
"Rebate"	moneys payable from the Supplier to the Buyer expressed as a percentage of the Charges incurred during the first Contract Year;
"CHECK Team Leader"	Supplier Staff whose role is as defined under the National Cyber Security Centre's CHECK Scheme;
"CHECK Team Member"	Supplier Staff whose role is as defined under the National Cyber Security Centre's CHECK Scheme;
"Penalty Fee"	a financial penalty payable by the Buyer to the Supplier in the event that a Statement Of Work is cancelled, postponed or changed outside of the SOW Notice Period;
"SOW Notice Period"	the number of Working Days' notice that the Buyer must provide for any cancellations, postponements or changes to a Statement Of Work before a Penalty Fee is incurred;

2. CHARGING PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The Charges shall be agreed in each individual Statement Of Work, in accordance with Order Form, Appendix A (Statement of Work Template).
- 2.2 The Day Rates shall cover all of the Supplier's Costs in delivering the Services in accordance with this Order Contract, with the exception of any reasonable travel and subsistence expenses pursuant to Paragraph 2.5.
- 2.3 All Statement Of Works will be based on a Capped Time & Materials Charging Mechanism, unless agreed otherwise in a Statement Of Work at the Buyer's sole discretion.
- 2.4 Each of the following shall be fixed for the duration of the Order Contract Period:
 - 2.4.1 Day Rates;
 - 2.4.2 Rebate;
 - 2.4.3 Penalty Fee; and
 - 2.4.4 Notice Period.
- 2.5 Only in the event that a test is required to take place on-site will the Buyer be responsible for paying any Charges in relation to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the Supplier. These shall be in line with Annex A (NHSBSA Travel and Subsistence Policy) to this Schedule and will be payable in addition to the Day Rates for that Statement Of Work.
- 2.6 All Charges are detailed excluding VAT.

3. PAYMENT PROCESS

- 3.1 All Charges and associated payments shall be in accordance with Clause 4 (Pricing and Payments).
- 3.2 Upon the final signature of a Statement Of Work by both Parties, the Buyer shall send a purchase order to the Supplier for the relevant Charges.
- 3.3 Upon completion of a Statement Of Work, the Supplier shall send an invoice to the Buyer for the relevant Charges.

4. DAY RATES

- 4.1 Day Rates are based on Man Hours being provided on a Working Day. If the Services are required on a non-Working Day, the relevant Charges shall be agreed through a Statement Of Work.
- 4.2 All Day Rates relate to either a CHECK Team Leader or a CHECK Team Member.
- 4.3 At the end of the first and second Contract Years, the total Man Days used during that Contract Year will be calculated by adding together the Man Days from all

Statement Of Works signed during that Contract Year. For the avoidance of doubt, any cancelled or draft Statement Of Works will not count towards this total.

- 4.4 The Day Rates for all Statement Of Works signed during the first Contract Year shall be in accordance with Table 1 below:

Table 1: Year 1 Day Rates

	CHECK Team Leader	CHECK Team Member
Day Rate		

- 4.5 The Day Rates for all Statement Of Works signed during the second and third Contract Years shall be based on the total Man Days from the previous Contract Year, in accordance with Paragraph 4.3 and Table 2 below:

Table 2: Years 2 and 3 Day Rates

Total Man Days from previous Contract Year	CHECK Team Leader	CHECK Team Member
Less than 150		
150 to 199		
200 and over		

5. PENALTY CLAUSES

- 5.1 In the event that the Buyer requires a signed Statement Of Work to be cancelled, postponed or changed, a Notice Period is not required.

- 5.2 A Penalty Fee will be incurred by the Buyer if the Notice Period is not adhered to. The value of Penalty Fees are expressed as a percentage of the total value of the relevant signed Statement Of Work in accordance with Table 3 below:

Table 3: Penalty Fees

Scenario description	Value of Penalty Fee
Cancelling before a Statement Of Work starts	
Changing the scope of a Statement Of Work resulting in a change to the number of Man Days	
Postponing the start date of a Statement Of Work	
Cancelling during a Statement Of Work	

5.3 Where a Penalty Fee is to be incurred, the Supplier shall make reasonable endeavours to reduce their losses by reallocating resource to other activities either with the Buyer or with another of the Supplier's clients. The Penalty Fee payable shall be reduced or removed accordingly.

6. REBATE

6.1 The Supplier shall provide a single one-off Rebate at the end of the first Contract Year.

6.2 The Buyer may at its sole discretion decide whether such Rebate shall take the form of either a credit against future Statement Of Works or a monetary payment to the Buyer.

6.3 At the end of the first Contract Year, the total Man Days used during that Contract Year will be calculated by adding together the Man Days from all Statement Of Works signed during that Contract Year. For the avoidance of doubt, any cancelled or draft Statement Of Works will not count towards this total.

6.4 The Rebate shall be based on the total Man Days from the first Contract Year, in accordance with Paragraph 6.3 and Table 3 below:

Table 3: Rebate

Total Man Days from previous Contract Year	Rebate
Less than 150	
150 to 199	
200 and over	

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Finance Guidance

Travel, subsistence and expenses

1. General Principles

- 1.1. Business travel must only be undertaken when there is no other reasonable option. Where travel is business critical, and there are no reasonable digital alternative, staff should select the most environmentally friendly mode of transport wherever possible. This should be in line with the sustainable travel hierarchy (see appendix 2).
- 1.2. When business critical travel it is undertaken, the most cost effective means must be chosen with the consideration given to use of staff time, value for money and health and fitness benefits.
- 1.3. Public transport should be used, where available.
- 1.4. All travel must be approved in advance by an authorised manager on the relevant form. Journeys must be planned using the method of travel which is most cost effective and has least environmental impact.
- 1.5. Travel and accommodation must be booked through the NHSBSA appointed service agents.
- 1.6. Claims must be submitted within 3 months of the date the expense was incurred.
- 1.7. Any fines incurred, e.g. parking fines or other motoring offences, are the responsibility of the traveller and will not be reimbursed.
- 1.8. Suspected false claims will be investigated and may be reported to the NHSBSA Loss and Fraud Protection team or NHS Counter Fraud Authority. Disciplinary and/or criminal action may be taken against individuals found to have submitted fraudulent claims.

2. Travel

Active Travel

- 2.1. NHS BSA supports active travel for staff, given its health and environmental benefits (see appendix 2).
- 2.2. For business travel undertaken by bicycle, you may be reimbursed at the rate shown in appendix 1

Rail

- 2.3. Public transport including trains is the preferred mode of business travel due to its (comparatively small) environmental footprint. Where staff have a reasonable rail option, this should be prioritised over air or car wherever possible.
- 2.4. All rail travel will be standard class.
- 2.5. Rail travel will normally be the lowest cost method of travel. It also enables staff to work whilst travelling.
- 2.6. Tickets should be procured as economically as possible, taking advantage of cheaper fares available through advance booking or by booking specific trains. This will be done automatically by the NHSBSA appointed service agent.

Air

- 2.7. Given the significant environmental impacts of air travel, lower carbon options must be considered first before flights. Where travel by an alternative mode of transport is not possible staff must provide clear justification for any flight.
- 2.8. Before air travel is decided upon, it must be considered with rail travel as part of a cost-benefit assessment. Often, travelling to city centre locations is faster, easier and cheaper by train when other costs such as travel to and from airports, parking charges, check-in processes, baggage charges etc are taken into account.
- 2.9. Domestic air travel should only be authorised where:
- Business need warrants air travel;
 - There is a cost benefit for the NHSBSA (in terms of total travel costs, avoidance of subsistence/accommodation costs and environmental footprint).
- 2.10. International air travel must be authorised by the Chief Executive prior to booking.

Taxis

- 2.11 Staff should travel by public transport wherever possible. Where the need for a taxi is identified in advance bookings should be made, where practical, through NHSBSA contracts where these exist.
- 2.12 Where a taxi is required, and the need has not been anticipated or it isn't practical to pre-book, the costs may be reclaimed in the following circumstances:-
- If no public transport is reasonably available;
 - When travelling early in the morning or late at night where personal safety is perceived as an issue;
 - When carrying heavy/bulky luggage;
 - If the use of available public transport is not appropriate or possible due to a medical condition;
 - In an emergency.
- 2.13 Prior authorisation should be obtained from a more senior manager wherever possible. It is the responsibility of the manager to determine the cost effectiveness of taxi travel.
- 2.14. Where a claim includes a taxi fare, a reason for use of a taxi must be included and a receipt attached to the claim.

Road

- 2.15. Road travel has a negative impact on the environment and your health. Where there is a reasonable option staff should prioritise public transport over car travel to reduce the environmental impacts associated with travel.
- 2.16. Car travel can be economical, particularly where more than one person is making the journey and/or the journey cannot easily be made by rail travel.
- 2.17. Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) may be used to undertake business travel, irrespective of journey length. **If vehicles are charged at an NHSBSA site prior to the journey mileage claims are not permissible.** The vehicle must be insured for business use and comply with other legal requirements.
- 2.18. Where business travel mileage for one return journey is less than 90 miles an Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles, Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEV) and Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV) may be used. Where one return journey is greater than 90 miles a hire car, or BEV, should be used.
- 2.19. Hire cars must be booked through the NHSBSA appointed provider. When booking a hire car the vehicle with lowest emissions should be considered first. Use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) should be prioritised, where this option is not available hybrid cars may be considered. If there is no other reasonable alternative the use of a petrol or diesel vehicle is permitted.
- 2.20. ICE vehicles, PHEV and HEV may only be used where a BEV, public transport, or a hire car is unavailable, impractical or more costly. The vehicle must be insured for business use and comply with other legal requirements.
- 2.21. Where a private ICE vehicle, PHEV, or HEV is used when travel by a public service, BEV or hire car would be more appropriate, business travel mileage will be reimbursed at the reserve rate.

3. Subsistence

- 3.1. HMRC benchmark rates are applied for subsistence claims and must only be used where all of the qualifying conditions are met. The qualifying conditions are:
- the travel must be in the performance of duties or to a temporary place of work.
 - be absent from the normal place of work or home for a continuous period in excess of 5, 10 or 15 hours (see appendix 1 for details).
 - costs claimed for food and drink must have been incurred after starting the journey. Food and drink purchased prior to the journey starting cannot be claimed.
- 3.2. If the cost of an evening meal or breakfast is reimbursed on an actual basis because it is included in the cost of an overnight stay, staff are not entitled to the benchmark rate for breakfast or late evening meal.
- 3.3. If absent from the normal place of work, where food and drink is provided and there has been no cost incurred to the individual, staff are not entitled to the benchmark meal rate.
- 3.4. Peripatetic staff, with home as their base, may not claim day subsistence whilst undertaking their normal duties.

4. Expense Claims

- 4.1. Expense claims should be submitted electronically via the link <https://nhsbsa.easy.giltbyte.com>. In submitting a claim, the member of staff confirms that:
- the expense was necessarily incurred on approved NHSBSA business; and
 - they are entitled to claim reimbursement within the agreed rules; and
 - they understand that the submission of false information may result in disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution.
- 4.2. Expense claims should normally be submitted in the month following the month in which the expenditure was incurred. Claims must be submitted in any case within 3 months and must include original, itemised receipts **where these are required**. Original receipts must be scanned, saved and submitted electronically with the relevant claim. Original receipts must be retained by the claimant for one month following payment of the expense into their bank account. Expense claims will not be paid without evidence, i.e. receipts, where these are required.
- 4.3. Expense claims must be approved by a manager authorised to do so. Managers must satisfy themselves that each claim is correct and that the expense has necessarily been incurred on NHSBSA business. Managers must ensure that relevant receipts for expenses are attached to the claim.
- 4.4. Payment will be made in arrears on a monthly basis, with the claimant's salary.
- 4.5. Payment for expenses that are subject to deductions for tax and NI will be made on a monthly basis, with the claimant's salary. It is the claimant's responsibility to ensure that the correct Expense Type is selected in respect of any taxable expenses i.e. those related to overtime, staying with friends, family subsistence etc. (Further information can be obtained from the [Payroll and Expenses](#) team).
- 4.6. Mileage claims must be based on the most direct route to and from the place visited.
- 4.7. Any changes to an individual's circumstances (i.e. address, bank details, etc.) must be advised to Corporate Finance via the submission of an ESR Change Form by the line manager or via Employee Self Service in ESR. Vehicles used for making claims must be added and maintained by the claimant in the Expenses System and the appropriate vehicle must be selected when a claim is entered. All bank details will default to those set up in the Payroll system.

Appendix 1

Transport and related allowances

Own transport

Where a private ICE vehicle, PHEV, or HEV is used when travel by a public service, BEV or hire car would be more appropriate, business travel mileage will be reimbursed at the reserve rate of 28p per mile (see paragraph 2.21. above).

Reimbursement of the cost of business mileage where a private ICE vehicle, PHEV, or HEV is used will be at 59p per mile up to 3,500 miles and 24p per mile over 3,500 (see paragraph 2.18. and 2.20. above).

BEV rate: Lease vehicle (NHS Fleet Solutions) 25p per mile (taxable above HMRC allowance)
Private vehicle 45p per mile (non-taxable)

Motor cycles rate: 30p per mile

Pedal cycle rate: 20p per mile

Passenger rate (this applies if you carry any official passengers on a business journey, but does not apply to travel in a lease vehicle): 5p per mile per passenger.

Overtime: paid at the reserve rate (30p) and taxed at source

Interviewees: paid at the reserve rate (30p)

Training/ Further Education: as business mileage

Excess Travel: paid when an member of staff is transferred to another base at the request of the organisation at the reserve rate (30p) for a maximum of 4 years (if the transfer is for less than 2 years the excess is non-taxable, if the transfer is for more than 2 years or deemed a permanent transfer from the start then the excess is taxable)

Travel from home to base: This is not reimbursed.

Personal motor insurance

All staff who plan to drive their own motor vehicle or motor cycle for business purposes must ensure that their vehicle insurance policy includes cover whilst on the business of the organisation in addition to travelling to and from work. The submission of an Expense Claim in the Expenses System incorporates a declaration to indicate insurance compliance and mileage claims will not be reimbursed without business use insurance.

Additional motoring costs

Reasonable garage and parking expenses and charges for tolls and ferries will be reimbursed. Appropriate receipts should be obtained where possible and an explanation included where receipts are not available.

Road traffic offences and fines

No reimbursement will be made by the organisation in respect of any penalty imposed under the Road Traffic Acts or any associated expense arising from a traffic accident or offence. Parking fines will **not** be reimbursed.

Taxi travel

Consideration should be given to the appropriateness of public transport in certain circumstances. It is essential to consider personal safety bearing in mind location and time of day and travelling to conferences or meetings with heavy boxes. These instances may make the use of public transport unrealistic and in these circumstances travel by taxi is allowable. The cost of journeys by taxi together with any reasonable gratuity will be fully reimbursed. **A receipt should be obtained wherever possible.** Where a journey is made by taxi for convenience only, staff will be entitled to claim the sum they would have paid had they travelled by public service vehicle. The reason for taxi use must be stated on the claim.

Travel by rail

All staff must consider travelling in the most economical manner possible and obtain approval from their line manager for the journey. The Corporate travel provider should be used in the first instance when booking travel by rail.

Travel by air

Travel by air will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances and when adequate reason is given or when the journey dictates that no other form of public transport would be appropriate, a saving is made in respect of the need for an overnight stay or its environmental impact is lower than alternatives. The Corporate travel provider should be used in the first instance when booking travel by air.

If meals and refreshments are provided by the carrier subsistence is not payable during flights (i.e. the time spent on an aircraft does not count when calculating the qualifying time for over 5, 10 or 15 hours subsistence).

Travel by bus/tram/metro/underground

Wherever possible the most economical route and means of travel should be chosen, but business need and environmental footprint should also be considered. **Receipts are required when claiming costs**

Hire cars

Hire cars should only be used when cheaper and more environmentally friendly forms of transport including public transport are not available for the business journeys to be undertaken. Mileage should **not** be included when claiming costs for hire car as this may be processed if the claim is not marked clearly that a hire car has been used.

Motor insurance when using hire cars

When staff use a hire car for business use the vehicle will only be insured from the date stated for the actual hire. If a hire car is delivered to a home address on a day prior to travel, the car is insured whilst parked but NOT in use. The car becomes insured on the day that the official journey commences. If the individual needs to load equipment into the car prior to the journey this must be made clear on the request form to enable the necessary level of insurance to be arranged. Personal use of the hire vehicle is strictly prohibited.

Details of the hire car policy can be obtained from the Corporate Procurement Team.

Late night journeys home

Taxi fares can be claimed where staff are required to work extra hours beyond 10.00 p.m. as an extension of their normal working day.

The cost of the taxi journey together with any reasonable gratuity will be reimbursed. **A receipt should be obtained from the driver.** This should be submitted with the expense claim which should also indicate the time the journey was taken.

Expenses claimed in respect of taxi journey to home after 10.00 p.m. are taxable and will therefore be reimbursed via monthly salaries

Subsistence allowances

Short overnight stays in hotels, guesthouses and commercial accommodation

When a member of staff stays overnight in a hotel, guest house or other commercial accommodation within central London the maximum booking limit is £150 per night. Where a member of staff stays overnight in a hotel, guest house or other commercial accommodation outside central London, the maximum booking limit is £100 per night. The maximum booking limits do not have to include any transactional fees (e.g. booking fee) that may be added to your booking by the corporate travel provider

Accommodation should be booked through the Corporate travel provider.

Short overnight stays in non commercial accommodation

Staff may make arrangements to stay somewhere other than in a hotel or guest house. If you stay elsewhere (e.g. with relatives or friends, or in a caravan) you may claim the flat rate of £25 per night which is liable for tax. This is to cover accommodation and meal expenses and **no** further payment will be made that relate to this period.

Staff staying in accommodation provided by the employer or host organisation shall be entitled to an allowance to cover meals which are not provided free of charge up to a maximum of £25 for each 24 hours you are away from home (the relevant benchmark rate will apply). Further allowances relating to this period are not permitted.

Day meals subsistence allowances

HMRC have developed benchmark rates which employers can use for payment or reimbursement of staff expenses. These rates are the maximum tax and NICs free amounts that can be paid by employers who choose to use the system. **From April 1st 2019 receipted evidence of expenditure is no longer necessary and the appropriate benchmark rate should be claimed instead. However, evidence that a journey which qualified for subsistence was undertaken may be required.**

The rates are payable when staff are away on official business and more than 5 miles from their home or permanent workplace for a period in excess of 5 hours from the time of leaving to the time of returning on the same day. Peripatetic staff with home as their base may not claim day subsistence whilst undertaking their normal duties.

Over 5 hour benchmark rate*

Staff must be away from their base for a period of more than 5 hours to claim the benchmark rate of £5.

Over 10 hour benchmark rate*

Staff must be away from their base for a period of more than 10 hours to claim the benchmark rate of £10.

* Where an individual is still travelling at 8pm a further benchmark rate of £10 can be claimed in addition to the relevant hour rate.

Over 15 hour benchmark rate

Staff must be away from their base for a period of more than 15 hours to claim the benchmark rate of £25.

The maximum Day Meals Subsistence payment available in any 24 hour period is £25.

Tips and gratuities

As a general rule the NHSBSA does not reimburse gratuities. However, where service is not included in the cost of a meal, your claim may include a sum up to 10% of the cost of the meal as a tip but the claim amount cannot exceed the relevant benchmark rate.

Alcohol

Claims for alcohol are not permitted, unless it is part of a meal deal and cannot be separately identified.

Overseas

Overseas subsistence

Where staff are required to travel abroad the normal rates for overnight and daytime subsistence detailed above do not apply. The Expenses Team will obtain from HMRC subsistence rates appropriate to the country and city to be visited. Subsistence rates are quoted in local currency and the rate to be paid will be the sterling equivalent either at the time of the request for cash advance, or at the time of travel where no advance is claimed.

In exceptional circumstances the actual expenditure incurred will be reimbursed upon production of a receipt, at a sterling equivalent based on tourist exchange rates prevailing at the time of travel. Likewise any travel costs within the foreign country will be reimbursed at prevailing exchange rates. It will be the individual's responsibility to convert sterling into foreign currency, but any costs incurred may be reimbursed.

Overseas travel costs

The individual should determine the total in local currency then convert to UK currency using the exchange rate at the time of travel. It will be the individual's responsibility to convert sterling into foreign currency but any costs incurred may be reimbursed.

Other business costs

Receipted costs relating to any other business activities (such as fax, telephone, internet charges) may be reimbursed on production of appropriate receipts.

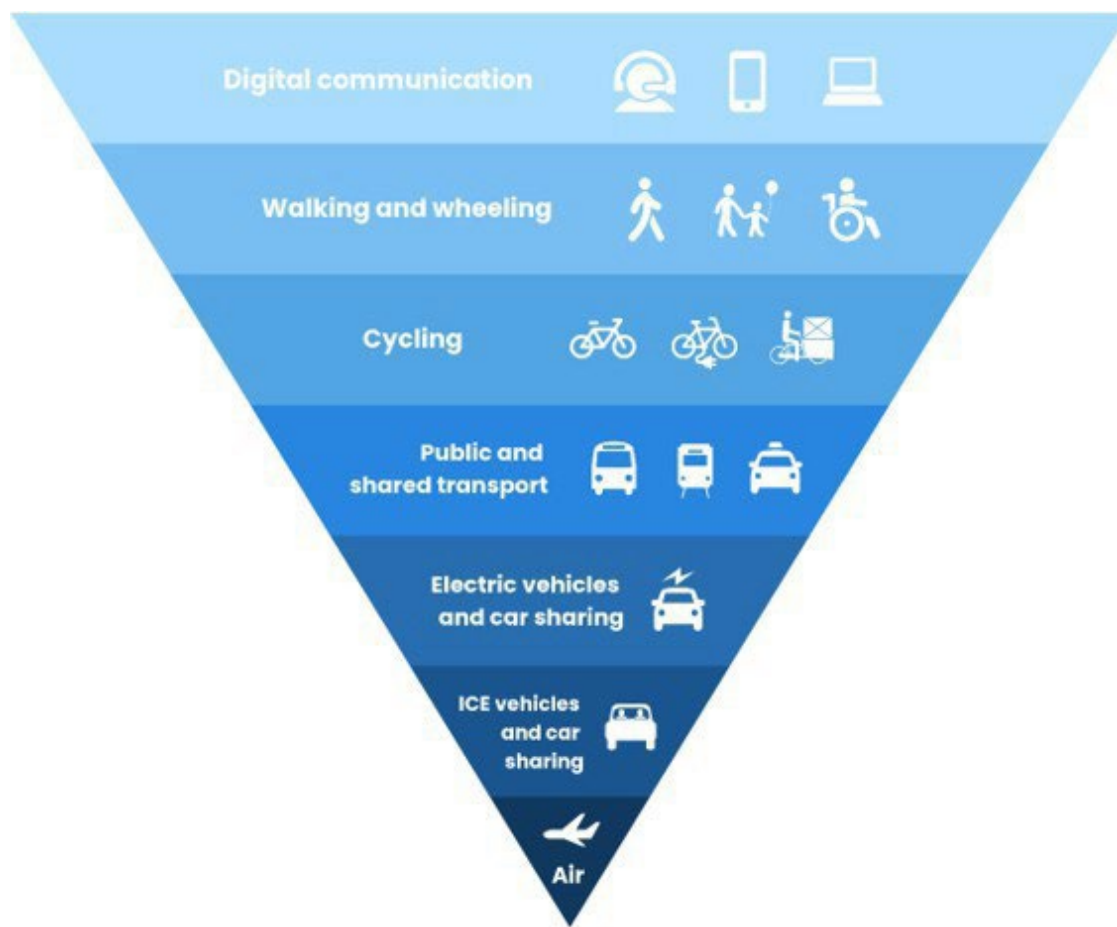
Hospitality

Modest hospitality e.g., lunches in the course of working visits may be acceptable providing this is normal and reasonable under the circumstances. The scale of such hospitality should be similar to that which the organisation would be likely to offer in similar circumstances.

All offers of gifts, hospitality or entertainment made to staff should be declined. If individuals have any doubts they should check with their manager. Casual gifts offered by contractors, suppliers etc. may not be in any way connected to the performance of your duties. Such gifts should nevertheless be politely but firmly declined. If you suspect that they have been offered as a form of inducement you should inform your manager. Items of low value such as calendars or diaries may be accepted but if you have any doubt as to the acceptability of such a gift you should either decline or consult your manager.

Appendix 2

The Sustainable Travel Hierarchy



Source - Energy Saving Trust (2021): An introduction to the sustainable travel hierarchy.

Order Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)

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.
2. The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Contract Period.
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.
4. The Supplier shall not and shall procure that any Subcontractor shall not remove or replace any Key Staff unless:
 - 4.1 requested to do so by the Buyer or the Buyer Approves such removal or replacement (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
 - 4.2 the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave; or
 - 4.3 the person’s employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or Subcontractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee.
5. The Supplier shall:
 - 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);
 - 5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
 - 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 **11** Months’ notice;
 - 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

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- 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.
- 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 respect unsatisfactory. The Buyer shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.

Annex 1- Key Roles

Key Role	Key Staff	Contact Details
Sales Manager	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Director, CHECK Team Leader	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Director, CHECK Team Leader	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Director	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

1. Definitions

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

"BCDR Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Business Continuity Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.3.2 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery Deliverables"	the Deliverables embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Deliverables following the occurrence of a Disaster;
"Disaster Recovery Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.3.3 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery System"	the system embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Deliverables following the occurrence of a Disaster;
"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 6.2 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 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
- 2.2 At least ninety (90) Working Days prior to 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:

- 2.2.1 ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Deliverables; and
 - 2.2.2 the recovery of the Deliverables in the event of a Disaster
- 2.3 The BCDR Plan shall be divided into three sections:
 - 2.3.1 Section 1 which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
 - 2.3.2 Section 2 which shall relate to business continuity (the "**Business Continuity Plan**"); and
 - 2.3.3 Section 3 which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "**Disaster Recovery Plan**").
- 2.4 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 the interaction of the provision of Deliverables with the goods and/or services provided by a Related Supplier; and
 - (d) 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
- 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 Performance Indicators (PI's) or 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 Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the Business Continuity Services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Performance Indicators or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Business Continuity Plan; and
 - 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 Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the disaster recovery services and details of any agreed relaxation

to the Performance Indicators or 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 **Error! Reference source not found.**; 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 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 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 20 (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.

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Part B (Long Form Security Requirements) should apply to this contract.

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 Joint 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 therewith in accordance with paragraph 2.2;

"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 Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

- 2.2 The Supplier shall comply with the requirements in this Schedule in respect of the Security Management Plan. Where specified by a Buyer as part of its Order Procedure 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.
- 2.3 Where the Security Policy applies the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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 2.2 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 paragraph 2.2 the Security Policy; 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, without limitation:

- (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 take all reasonable steps (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.

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- 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 2.2) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

Part B: Long Form Security Requirements

1. Definitions

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

"Breach of Security"

means the occurrence of:

- a) any unauthorised access to or use of the Goods and/or 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 requirements in the Security Policy where the Buyer has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d;

"ISMS"

the information security management system and process developed by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 (ISMS) as updated from time to time in accordance with this Schedule; and

"Security Tests"

tests to validate the ISMS and security of all relevant processes, systems, incident response plans, patches to vulnerabilities and mitigations to Breaches of Security.

2. Security Requirements

- 2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
- 2.2 The Parties acknowledge that the purpose of the ISMS and Security Management Plan are to ensure a good organisational approach to security under which the specific requirements of this Contract will be met.

- 2.3 The Parties shall each appoint a security representative to be responsible for Security. The initial security representatives of the Parties are:
 - 2.3.1 Gary Simpson (NHSBSA Security Operations Manager)
 - 2.3.2 Craig Cockburn, Director, Forfend Information Security (craig.cockburn@forfendinfosec.com)
- 2.4 The Buyer shall clearly articulate its high level security requirements so that the Supplier can ensure that the ISMS, security related activities and any mitigations are driven by these fundamental needs.
- 2.5 Both Parties shall provide a reasonable level of access to any members of their staff for the purposes of designing, implementing and managing security.
- 2.6 The Supplier shall use as a minimum Good Industry Practice in the day to day operation of any system holding, transferring or processing Government Data and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that information, and shall ensure that Government Data remains under the effective control of the Supplier at all times.
- 2.7 The Supplier shall ensure the up-to-date maintenance of a security policy relating to the operation of its own organisation and systems and on request shall supply this document as soon as practicable to the Buyer.
- 2.8 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that information security risks are shared between the Parties and that a compromise of either the Supplier or the Buyer's security provisions represents an unacceptable risk to the Buyer requiring immediate communication and co-operation between the Parties.

3. Information Security Management System (ISMS)

- 3.1 The Supplier shall develop and submit to the Buyer, within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, an information security management system for the purposes of this Contract and shall comply with the requirements of Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.5.
- 3.2 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 the security provided by the ISMS and that the Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of the ISMS.
- 3.3 The Buyer acknowledges that;
 - 3.3.1 If the Buyer has not stipulated during an Order Procedure that it requires a bespoke ISMS, the ISMS provided by the Supplier may be an extant ISMS covering the Services and their implementation across the Supplier's estate; and
 - 3.3.2 Where the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS then the Supplier shall be required to present the ISMS for the Buyer's Approval.

3.4 The ISMS shall:

- 3.4.1 if the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS, 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, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) 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;
- 3.4.2 meet the relevant standards in ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph 7;
- 3.4.3 at all times provide a level of security which:
 - (a) is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
 - (b) complies with the Baseline Security Requirements;
 - (c) as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
 - (d) where specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition - complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy;
 - (e) complies with at least the minimum set of security measures and standards as determined by the Security Policy Framework (Tiers 1-4)(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework/hmg-security-policy-framework>)
 - (f) takes account of guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/>
 - (g) complies with HMG Information Assurance Maturity Model and Assurance Framework (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/hmg-ia-maturity-model-iamm>);
 - (h) meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the ISMS, the Deliverables and/or Government Data;
 - (i) addresses issues of incompatibility with the Supplier's own organisational security policies; and
 - (j) complies with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph 7;
- 3.4.4 document the security incident management processes and incident response plans;
- 3.4.5 document the vulnerability management policy including processes for identification of system vulnerabilities and assessment of the potential impact on the Deliverables of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique of which the Supplier becomes aware,

prioritisation of security patches, testing of security patches, application of security patches, a process for Buyer approvals of exceptions, and the reporting and audit mechanism detailing the efficacy of the patching policy; and

- 3.4.6 be certified by (or by a person with the direct delegated authority of) a Supplier's main board representative, being the "Chief Security Officer", "Chief Information Officer", "Chief Technical Officer" or "Chief Financial Officer" (or equivalent as agreed in writing by the Buyer in advance of issue of the relevant Security Management Plan).
- 3.5 Subject to Paragraph 2 the references to Standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph 3.4 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.
- 3.6 In the event that the Supplier becomes aware of any inconsistency in the provisions of the standards, guidance and policies set out in Paragraph 3.4, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer Representative of such inconsistency and the Buyer Representative shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Supplier as to which provision the Supplier shall comply with.
- 3.7 If the bespoke ISMS submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 3.1 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the ISMS is not Approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall 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 the first submission of the ISMS to the Buyer. If the Buyer does not Approve the ISMS following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph 3 may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the ISMS on the grounds that it does not comply with any of the requirements set out in Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- 3.8 Approval by the Buyer of the ISMS pursuant to Paragraph 3.7 or of any change to the ISMS shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

4. Security Management Plan

- 4.1 Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, the Supplier shall prepare and submit to the Buyer for Approval in accordance with Paragraph 4.3 fully developed, complete and up-to-date Security Management Plan which shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 4.2.

4.2 The Security Management Plan shall:

- 4.2.1 be based on the initial Security Management Plan set out in Annex 2 (Security Management Plan);
- 4.2.2 comply with the Baseline Security Requirements and, where specified by the Buyer in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3(d), the Security Policy;
- 4.2.3 identify the necessary delegated organisational roles defined for those responsible for ensuring this Schedule is complied with by the Supplier;
- 4.2.4 detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Buyer with access to the Goods and/or Services, processes associated with the delivery of the Goods and/or Services, the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) 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;
- 4.2.5 unless otherwise specified by the Buyer in writing, be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the delivery of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) 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;
- 4.2.6 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 delivery of the Deliverables and 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 Schedule (including the requirements set out in Paragraph 3.4);
- 4.2.7 demonstrate that the Supplier's approach to delivery of the Deliverables has minimised the Buyer and Supplier effort required to comply with this Schedule through consideration of available, appropriate and practicable pan-government accredited services (for example, 'platform as a service' offering from the G-Cloud catalogue);
- 4.2.8 set out the plans for transitioning all security arrangements and responsibilities from those in place at the Start Date to those incorporated in the ISMS within the timeframe agreed between the Parties;

- 4.2.9 set out the scope of the Buyer System that is under the control of the Supplier;
 - 4.2.10 be structured in accordance with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002, cross-referencing if necessary to other Schedules which cover specific areas included within those standards; and
 - 4.2.11 be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Supplier and the Buyer engaged in the Deliverables and shall reference only documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.
- 4.3 If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 4.1 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall 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 the first submission to the Buyer of the Security Management Plan. If the Buyer does not Approve the Security Management Plan following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure 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.
- 4.4 Approval by the Buyer of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.3 or of any change or amendment to the Security Management Plan shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

5. Amendment of the ISMS and Security Management Plan

- 5.1 The ISMS and Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier and at least annually to reflect:
- 5.1.1 emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
 - 5.1.2 any change or proposed change to the Supplier System, the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
 - 5.1.3 any new perceived or changed security threats;
 - 5.1.4 where required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3(d), any changes to the Security Policy;
 - 5.1.5 any new perceived or changed security threats; and
 - 5.1.6 any reasonable change in requirement requested by the Buyer.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amend the ISMS

and Security Management Plan at no additional cost to the Buyer. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:

- 5.2.1 suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the ISMS;
 - 5.2.2 updates to the risk assessments;
 - 5.2.3 proposed modifications to the procedures and controls that affect information security to respond to events that may impact on the ISMS; and
 - 5.2.4 suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
- 5.3 Subject to Paragraph 5.4, any change which the Supplier proposes to make to the ISMS or Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out pursuant to Paragraph 5.1, a Buyer request, a change to Annex 1 (Security) or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure and shall not be implemented until Approved in writing by the Buyer.
- 5.4 The Buyer may, acting reasonably, Approve and require changes or amendments to the ISMS or 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.

6. Security Testing

- 6.1 The Supplier shall conduct Security Tests from time to time (and at least annually across the scope of the ISMS) and additionally after any change or amendment to the ISMS (including security incident management processes and incident response plans) or the Security Management Plan. Security Tests shall be designed and implemented by the Supplier so as to minimise the impact on the delivery of the Deliverables and the date, timing, content and conduct of such Security Tests shall be agreed in advance with the Buyer. Subject to compliance by the Supplier with the foregoing requirements, if any Security Tests adversely affect the Supplier's ability to deliver the Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Security Tests.
- 6.2 The Buyer shall be entitled to send a representative to witness the conduct of the Security Tests. The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such Security Tests (in a form approved by the Buyer in advance) as soon as practicable after completion of each Security Test.
- 6.3 Without prejudice to any other right of audit or access granted to the Buyer pursuant to this Contract, the Buyer and/or its authorised representatives shall be entitled, at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Supplier, to carry out such tests (including penetration tests) as it may deem necessary in relation to the ISMS and the Supplier's compliance with the ISMS and the Security Management Plan. The Buyer may notify the Supplier of the results of such tests after completion of each such test. If any such Buyer's test adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the

Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Buyer's test.

- 6.4 Where any Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraphs 6.2 or 6.3 reveals any actual or potential Breach of Security or weaknesses (including un-patched vulnerabilities, poor configuration and/or incorrect system management), the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer of any changes to the ISMS and to the Security Management Plan (and the implementation thereof) which the Supplier proposes to make in order to correct such failure or weakness. Subject to the Buyer's prior written Approval, the Supplier shall implement such changes to the ISMS and the Security Management Plan and repeat the relevant Security Tests in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Buyer or, otherwise, as soon as reasonably possible. For the avoidance of doubt, where the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan is to address a non-compliance with the Security Policy or security requirements (as set out in Annex 1 (Baseline Security Requirements) to this Schedule) or the requirements of this Schedule, the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.
- 6.5 If any repeat Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraph 6.4 reveals an actual or potential Breach of Security exploiting the same root cause failure, such circumstance shall constitute a material Default of this Contract.

7. Complying with the ISMS

- 7.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to carry out such security audits as it may reasonably deem necessary in order to ensure that the ISMS maintains compliance with the principles and practices of ISO 27001 and/or the Security Policy where such compliance is required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3.
- 7.2 If, on the basis of evidence provided by such security audits, it is the Buyer's reasonable opinion that compliance with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy are not being achieved by the Supplier, then the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of the same and give the Supplier a reasonable time (having regard to the extent and criticality of any non-compliance and any other relevant circumstances) to implement and remedy. If the Supplier does not become compliant within the required time then the Buyer shall have the right to obtain an independent audit against these standards in whole or in part.
- 7.3 If, as a result of any such independent audit as described in Paragraph the Supplier is found to be non-compliant with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy then the Supplier shall, at its own expense, undertake those actions required in order to achieve the necessary compliance and shall reimburse in full the costs incurred by the Buyer in obtaining such audit.

8. Security Breach

- 8.1 Either Party shall notify the other in accordance with the agreed security incident management process as defined by the ISMS upon becoming aware of any breach of security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security.
- 8.2 Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 8.1, the Supplier shall:
- 8.2.1 immediately take all reasonable steps (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 or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in order to protect the integrity of the Buyer Property and/or Buyer Assets and/or ISMS to the extent that this is within the Supplier's control;
 - (c) apply a tested mitigation against any such Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security and provided that reasonable testing has been undertaken by the Supplier, if the mitigation adversely affects the Supplier's ability to provide the Deliverables so as to meet the relevant Service Level Performance Indicators, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for such period as the Buyer, acting reasonably, may specify by written notice to the Supplier;
 - (d) prevent a further Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in the future exploiting the same root cause failure; and
 - (e) supply any requested data to the Buyer (or the Computer Emergency Response Team for UK Government ("GovCertUK")) on the Buyer's request within two (2) Working Days and without charge (where such requests are reasonably related to a possible incident or compromise); and
 - (f) as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Buyer full details (using the reporting mechanism defined by the ISMS) of the Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security, including a root cause analysis where required by the Buyer.
- 8.3 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 ISMS with the Security Policy (where relevant) or the

requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the ISMS shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

9. Vulnerabilities and fixing them

- 9.1 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that from time to time vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment will be discovered which unless mitigated will present an unacceptable risk to the Buyer's information.
- 9.2 The severity of threat vulnerabilities for COTS Software shall be categorised by the Supplier as 'Critical', 'Important' and 'Other' by aligning these categories to the vulnerability scoring according to the agreed method in the ISMS and using the appropriate vulnerability scoring systems including:
 - 9.2.1 the 'National Vulnerability Database' 'Vulnerability Severity Ratings': 'High', 'Medium' and 'Low' respectively (these in turn are aligned to CVSS scores as set out by NIST <http://nvd.nist.gov/cvss.cfm>); and
 - 9.2.2 Microsoft's 'Security Bulletin Severity Rating System' ratings 'Critical', 'Important', and the two remaining levels ('Moderate' and 'Low') respectively.
- 9.3 The Supplier shall procure the application of security patches to vulnerabilities within a maximum period from the public release of such patches with those vulnerabilities categorised as 'Critical' within 14 days of release, 'Important' within 30 days of release and all 'Other' within 60 Working Days of release, except where:
 - 9.3.1 the Supplier can demonstrate that a vulnerability is not exploitable within the context of any Service (e.g. because it resides in a software component which is not running in the service) provided vulnerabilities which the Supplier asserts cannot be exploited within the context of a Service must be remedied by the Supplier within the above timescales if the vulnerability becomes exploitable within the context of the Service;
 - 9.3.2 the application of a 'Critical' or 'Important' security patch adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the Services in which case the Supplier shall be granted an extension to such timescales of 5 days, provided the Supplier had followed and continues to follow the security patch test plan agreed with the Buyer; or
 - 9.3.3 the Buyer agrees a different maximum period after a case-by-case consultation with the Supplier under the processes defined in the ISMS.
- 9.4 The Specification and Mobilisation Plan (if applicable) shall include provisions for major version upgrades of all COTS Software to be upgraded within 6 Months of the release of the latest version, such that it is no more than one major version level below the latest release (normally codified as running software no older than the 'n-1 version') throughout the Term unless:
 - 9.4.1 where upgrading such COTS Software reduces the level of mitigations for known threats, vulnerabilities or exploitation

techniques, provided always that such upgrade is made within 12 Months of release of the latest version; or

9.4.2 is agreed with the Buyer in writing.

9.5 The Supplier shall:

9.5.1 implement a mechanism for receiving, analysing and acting upon threat information supplied by GovCertUK, or any other competent Central Government Body;

9.5.2 ensure that the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) is monitored to facilitate the detection of anomalous behaviour that would be indicative of system compromise;

9.5.3 ensure it is knowledgeable about the latest trends in threat, vulnerability and exploitation that are relevant to the ICT Environment by actively monitoring the threat landscape during the Contract Period;

9.5.4 pro-actively scan the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) for vulnerable components and address discovered vulnerabilities through the processes described in the ISMS as developed under Paragraph 3.4.5;

9.5.5 from the date specified in the Security Management Plan provide a report to the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of the end of each Month detailing both patched and outstanding vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and any elapsed time between the public release date of patches and either time of application or for outstanding vulnerabilities the time of issue of such report;

9.5.6 propose interim mitigation measures to vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment known to be exploitable where a security patch is not immediately available;

9.5.7 remove or disable any extraneous interfaces, services or capabilities that are not needed for the provision of the Services (in order to reduce the attack surface of the ICT Environment); and

9.5.8 inform the Buyer when it becomes aware of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique that has the potential to affect the security of the ICT Environment and provide initial indications of possible mitigations.

9.6 If the Supplier is unlikely to be able to mitigate the vulnerability within the timescales under this Paragraph 9, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer.

9.7 A failure to comply with Paragraph 9.3 shall constitute a Default, and the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

Part B – Annex 1:

Baseline security requirements

1. Handling Classified information

- 1.1 The Supplier shall not handle Buyer information classified SECRET or TOP SECRET except if there is a specific requirement and in this case prior to receipt of such information the Supplier shall seek additional specific guidance from the Buyer.

2. End user devices

- 2.1 When Government Data resides on a mobile, removable or physically uncontrolled device it must be stored encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a recognised certification process of the UK Government Communications Electronics Security Group ("CESG") to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under the CESG Commercial Product Assurance scheme ("CPA").
- 2.2 Devices used to access or manage Government Data and services must be under the management authority of Buyer or Supplier and have a minimum set of security policy configuration enforced. These devices must be placed into a 'known good' state prior to being provisioned into the management authority of the Buyer. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, all Supplier devices are expected to meet the set of security requirements set out in the End User Devices Security Guidance (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/end-user-device-security>). Where the guidance highlights shortcomings in a particular platform the Supplier may wish to use, then these should be discussed with the Buyer and a joint decision shall be taken on whether the residual risks are acceptable. Where the Supplier wishes to deviate from the CESG guidance, then this should be agreed in writing on a case by case basis with the Buyer.

3. Data Processing, Storage, Management and Destruction

- 3.1 The Supplier and Buyer recognise the need for the Buyer's information to be safeguarded under the UK Data Protection regime or a similar regime. To that end, the Supplier must be able to state to the Buyer the physical locations in which data may be stored, processed and managed from, and what legal and regulatory frameworks Government Data will be subject to at all times.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall agree any change in location of data storage, processing and administration with the Buyer in accordance with Clause 14 (Data protection).

3.3 The Supplier shall:

- 3.3.1 provide the Buyer with all Government Data on demand in an agreed open format;
- 3.3.2 have documented processes to guarantee availability of Government Data in the event of the Supplier ceasing to trade;
- 3.3.3 securely destroy all media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media in line with Good Industry Practice; and
- 3.3.4 securely erase any or all Government Data held by the Supplier when requested to do so by the Buyer.

4. Ensuring secure communications

- 4.1 The Buyer requires that any Government Data transmitted over any public network (including the Internet, mobile networks or un-protected enterprise network) or to a mobile device must be encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a certification process recognised by CESG, to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under CPA.
- 4.2 The Buyer requires that the configuration and use of all networking equipment to provide the Services, including those that are located in secure physical locations, are at least compliant with Good Industry Practice.

5. Security by design

- 5.1 The Supplier shall apply the 'principle of least privilege' (the practice of limiting systems, processes and user access to the minimum possible level) to the design and configuration of IT systems which will process or store Government Data.
- 5.2 When designing and configuring the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) the Supplier shall follow Good Industry Practice and seek guidance from recognised security professionals with the appropriate skills and/or a CESG Certified Professional certification (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/cesg-certification-ia-professionals-and-guidance-certification-ia-professionals-documents>) for all bespoke or complex components of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier).

6. Security of Supplier Staff

- 6.1 Supplier Staff shall be subject to pre-employment checks that include, as a minimum: identity, unspent criminal convictions and right to work.
- 6.2 The Supplier shall agree on a case by case basis Supplier Staff roles which require specific government clearances (such as 'SC') including system administrators with privileged access to IT systems which store or process Government Data.

- 6.3 The Supplier shall prevent Supplier Staff who are unable to obtain the required security clearances from accessing systems which store, process, or are used to manage Government Data except where agreed with the Buyer in writing.
- 6.4 All Supplier Staff that have the ability to access Government Data or systems holding Government Data shall undergo regular training on secure information management principles. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, this training must be undertaken annually.
- 6.5 Where the Supplier or Subcontractors grants increased ICT privileges or access rights to Supplier Staff, those Supplier Staff shall be granted only those permissions necessary for them to carry out their duties. When staff no longer need elevated privileges or leave the organisation, their access rights shall be revoked within one (1) Working Day.

7. Restricting and monitoring access

- 7.1 The Supplier shall operate an access control regime to ensure all users and administrators of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) are uniquely identified and authenticated when accessing or administering the Services. Applying the 'principle of least privilege', users and administrators shall be allowed access only to those parts of the ICT Environment that they require. The Supplier shall retain an audit record of accesses.

8. Audit

- 8.1 The Supplier shall collect audit records which relate to security events in the systems or that would support the analysis of potential and actual compromises. In order to facilitate effective monitoring and forensic readiness such Supplier audit records should (as a minimum) include:
 - 8.1.1 Logs to facilitate the identification of the specific asset which makes every outbound request external to the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier). To the extent the design of the Deliverables allows such logs shall include those from DHCP servers, HTTP/HTTPS proxy servers, firewalls and routers.
 - 8.1.2 Security events generated in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and shall include: privileged account log-on and log-off events, the start and termination of remote access sessions, security alerts from desktops and server operating systems and security alerts from third party security software.
- 8.2 The Supplier and the Buyer shall work together to establish any additional audit and monitoring requirements for the ICT Environment.
- 8.3 The Supplier shall retain audit records collected in compliance with this Paragraph 8 for a period of at least 6 Months.

Part B – Annex 2 - Security Management Plan

Initial Security Management Plan not included. The Buyer shall submit the Security Management Plan to meet the requirements of Paragraphs 4.2.2 to 4.2.11 of this Part B.

Order Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

1. Within 20 (twenty) working days of the Start Date the Supplier must provide for the Buyer's Approval an exit plan which ensures continuity of service and which the Supplier will follow at the end of the Order Contract. The Buyer shall not unreasonably withhold Approval of the draft provided that the Supplier shall incorporate the Buyer's reasonable requirements in it
2. The Supplier must ensure that the exit plan clearly sets out the Supplier's methodology for achieving an orderly transition of the Services from the Supplier to the Buyer or its Replacement Supplier at the expiry or if the Order Contract ends before the scheduled expiry.
3. The exit plan should set out full details of timescales, activities and roles and responsibilities of the Parties for:
 - the transfer to the Buyer of any technical information, instructions, manuals and code reasonably required by the Buyer to enable a smooth migration from the Supplier
 - the strategy for export and migration of Buyer data from any relevant Supplier system to the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier, including conversion to open standards or other standards required by the Buyer
 - the transfer of New IPR items to the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier
 - the testing and assurance strategy for exported Buyer data
 - if relevant, TUPE-related activity to comply with the TUPE regulations
 - any other activities and information which are reasonably required to ensure continuity of service during the exit period and an orderly transition to the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.

Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels)

1. Definitions

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

"Critical Service Failure"	Means a failure to meet a Service Level Threshold in respect of a Service Level
"Service Credits"	any service credits specified in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule being payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of any failure by the Supplier to meet one or more Service Levels;
"Service Credit Cap"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
"Service Level Failure"	means a failure to meet the Service Level Performance Measure in respect of a Service Level;
"Service Level Performance Measure"	shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule; and
"Service Level Threshold"	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:
 - 2.4.1 the Supplier has over the previous (twelve) 12 Month period exceeded the Service Credit Cap; and/or
 - 2.4.2 the Service Level Failure:
 - (a) exceeds the relevant Service Level Threshold;
 - (b) has arisen due to a Prohibited Act or wilful Default by the Supplier;
 - (c) results in the corruption or loss of any Government Data; and/or
 - (d) results in the Buyer being required to make a compensation payment to one or more third parties; and/or
 - 2.4.3 the Buyer is otherwise entitled to or does terminate this Contract pursuant to Clause 10.4 (CCS and Buyer Termination Rights).

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.

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.

Annex A to Part A: Services Levels and Service Credits Table

Service Levels (Quarterly Reporting)				
Service Level Reference	Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold
SLA1	Percentage of fit-for-purpose draft SOWs submitted within 10 Working Days of initial scoping meeting, in accordance with Requirement 5.4 of Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification).	Accuracy /Timelines	At least 90%	Not applicable
SLA2	Percentage of tests which require more than 10 Working Days' notice to secure resource, in accordance with Requirement 4.4 of Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification).	Availability	At least 90%	At least 50%
SLA3	Percentage of draft reports submitted within 5 Working Days of the test completion date, in accordance with Requirement 4.14 of Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification).	Accuracy /Timelines	At least 90%	Not applicable
SLA4	Percentage of final reports submitted within 15 Working Days of the test completion date, in accordance with Requirement 4.15 of Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification).	Accuracy /Timelines	At least 90%	Not applicable
SLA5	Percentage of final reports that are fit-for-purpose and meet the standards detailed in Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification).	Quality	At least 90%	At least 75%

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The Service Credits shall be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

Example:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Formula: } x\% (\text{Service Level Performance Measure}) - x\% (\text{actual Service Level performance}) & = \quad x\% \text{ of the Charges payable to the Buyer as Service Credits to be deducted from the next Invoice payable by the Buyer} \\ \text{Worked example: } 98\% (\text{e.g. Service Level Performance Measure requirement for accurate and timely billing Service Level}) - 75\% (\text{e.g. actual performance achieved against this Service Level in a Service Period}) & = \quad 23\% \text{ of the Charges payable to the Buyer as Service Credits to be deducted from the next Invoice payable by the Buyer} \end{array}$$

Part B: Performance Monitoring

3. Performance Monitoring and Performance Review

- 3.1 Within twenty (20) 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.
- 3.2 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:
 - 3.2.1 for each Service Level, the actual performance achieved over the Service Level for the relevant Service Period;
 - 3.2.2 a summary of all failures to achieve Service Levels that occurred during that Service Period;
 - 3.2.3 details of any Critical Service Level Failures;
 - 3.2.4 for any repeat failures, actions taken to resolve the underlying cause and prevent recurrence;
 - 3.2.5 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
 - 3.2.6 such other details as the Buyer may reasonably require from time to time.
- 3.3 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:
 - 3.3.1 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;
 - 3.3.2 be attended by the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative; and
 - 3.3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.

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- 3.5 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.

4. Satisfaction Surveys

- 4.1 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.

Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)

1. Definitions

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

"Operational Board" the board established in accordance with paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule;

"Project Manager" 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 Contract Manager

3.1 The Supplier's Contract 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 the delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Contract 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 Contract Manager in regards to the Contract and it will be the Supplier's Contract Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.

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

4. Contract Risk Management

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

5. ROLE OF THE OPERATIONAL BOARD

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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 the Order Form.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.

Annex: Contract Boards

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

OPERATIONAL BOARD		
Buyer Attendance	Supplier Attendance	Frequency
Buyer Authorised Representative	Supplier Authorised Representative	Quarterly, in line with the Performance Review Meetings

Order Schedule 18 (Background Checks)

1. When you should use this Schedule

This Schedule should be used where Supplier Staff must be vetted before working on the 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):
 - (a) carry out a check with the records held by the Department for Education (DfE);
 - (b) conduct thorough questioning regarding any Relevant Convictions; and
 - (c) 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.

Annex 1 – Relevant Convictions

1. Any convictions necessary to achieving Security Check (SC) clearance.

Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Order Contract

SPECIFICATION

Procurement Name: IT Health Check Service

Buyer Ref: W44503

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) is an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care. Our purpose is to deliver business service excellence to the NHS to help people live longer, healthier lives. Our vision is to be the provider of national, at scale business services for the health and social care system, transforming and delivering these services to maximise efficiency and meet customer expectations. We have multiple offices across England and employing around 3,500 staff. We manage over £48 billion of NHS spend annually delivering a range of national services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public. Our Digital directorate are responsible for the digital transformation of many of these services, ensuring that new technologies are leveraged to best meet the user needs.
- 1.2. Further information on the NHSBSA can be found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/what-we-do>.
- 1.3. The NHSBSA provides a range of software solutions and services. As our Vision is "to be the delivery partner of choice for the health and care system", it is of critical importance that any software solutions and services are robustly provided in the most secure manner possible. Application development and support is primarily an in-house responsibility. Hence, the NHSBSA require an independent IT Health Check (ITHC) supplier to undertake ITHCs to a CHECK-accredited standard.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. We are seeking a single supplier to undertake ITHCs for a 3-year period up to a maximum total contract value of £900,000 ex. VAT. Individual ITHC work packages will be agreed and called-off through Statements of Works (SOWs). The supplier is required to work flexibly with NHSBSA due to the agile nature of application development. If the supplier is unable to meet the required timescales for a specific ITHC, the NHSBSA may at its sole discretion source an alternative provider for that ITHC.
- 2.2. The contract will be required to cover ITHCs from around June 2021.
- 2.3. The NHSBSA's ITIL-aligned IT service is based on a disaggregated model of multiple specialist suppliers (both internal and external), with an in-house team providing Service Integration And Management (SIAM). The IT estate consists of:
 - On-premise physical and virtual infrastructure
 - Private cloud infrastructure in external datacentres hosted by third parties

- Public cloud infrastructure hosted by third parties (specifically Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure and Oracle).

2.4. The typical process the NHSBSA use for ITHCs is detailed as follows:

- NHSBSA Technology Security Operations team (NHSBSA SecOps) proactively work with business area to identify projects/changes that might result in a system needing an ITHC.
- NHSBSA SecOps undertake own vulnerability assessments.
- Vulnerability assessments are shared with ITHC supplier in scoping meeting, where the dates, approach and scope for the ITHC are mutually agreed.
- Some platform-wide ITHCs are undertaken on a regular basis, particularly with the AWS platform.
- NHSBSA SecOps arrange access for testers.
- NHSBSA work with supplier during ITHC and provide support where required.
- NHSBSA SecOps review output report and feedback.
- NHSBSA SecOps take decisions on the recommendations presented in the final report.

2.5. Key NHSBSA responsibilities in this typical process are as follows:

- Requesting initial scoping meeting following identification of ITHC requirement.
- Manage relationships with internal teams and NHSBSA's suppliers.
- Arrange access for testers.
- Provide review comments on draft ITHC output report within a reasonable timeframe to allow amendments to be made.

2.6. The vast majority of ITHCs are cloud-based and will take place remotely. However, there may be an occasional need for on-premise testing.

2.7. The NHSBSA require a CHECK approved 'Green Light' ITHC supplier that has experience of testing in the following seven areas:

2.7.1. Exposure testing

Exposure testing involves finding details about the target systems on the network, identifying any available network services and open ports, and looking to try and identify ways into and out of the devices or environment. Often this testing takes place remotely, targeting the perimeter networks. It can also be launched locally, from the targets Local Area Network (LAN), to assess the security of the internal network or the De-Militarised Zone (DMZ) from within and identifying the kinds of vulnerabilities an internal threat actor could exploit.

2.7.2. Server build review

Server build reviews involve searching for weaknesses and misconfigurations in the basic build of the operating systems of any identified system or device, usually with comparison to best practices and/or relevant guidance from bodies such as the NCSC. This will require administrative or root level access to the hosts.

2.7.3. Firewall review

Maps the deployed rule base or Access Control List (ACL) looking for weaknesses or configurations that are deemed to be overly permissive or which would increase the risk level to the solution or the wider network/environment.

2.7.4. Database configuration review

Depending on the type and version of the database generally this review is conducted in line with the industry accepted security benchmark. The database configuration will be audited to establish the following security concerns:

- Presence of default user names and passwords
- Database is listening on its default port
- Database service is restricted to a set of whitelisted IP addresses
- Connection and authorisation restrictions
- Owner of the process is sufficiently restricted
- Excessive user privileges
- Encrypted channel of communication
- Excessive number of super users
- Limit on the number of connections
- Overly permissive data files, log files of configurations (permissions or owners)
- Logging and audit policies

2.7.5. Application testing

Looks for security vulnerabilities or misconfiguration in the applications and programs deployed and installed on the target systems. This should include business logic testing. Scope of the testing may include but is not limited to the following:

- Session management
- Role separation
- Privilege escalation
- Input validation – e.g. Structured Query Language (SQL) Injection, Cross Site Scripting (XSS), Uniform Resource Locator (URL) redirection etc.
- Data caching

- Injection
- Insecure direct object references
- Security misconfiguration
- Insecure cryptographic storage
- Opportunities for sensitive data exposure
- Failure to restrict URL access
- Missing function level access control
- Exposure testing

2.7.6. Web service testing

Web services or API provide an attack vector which is not dissimilar to Application testing. Frequently the severity of a security breach on an API is much greater than the application testing due to the level of access often granted to the API user.

The specific tests are entirely dependent on the type of web service in use however the following areas are regarded as potential threats to web services:

Communication

- Man-in-the-Middle attacks
- Use of suitable cipher suites
- Adequate server certification
- Web Services routing security
- Replay attacks
- Web service engine
- Buffer overflows
- XML parsing errors
- Spoiling schema
- Complex or recursive structure as payload
- Denial of service
- Session information leakage

Web services deployment

- Fault code leaks
- Privilege escalations
- Customized error messages (information leakage)
- Parameter tampering
- SQL/XPATH/LDAP/OS command injection
- Password brute force attacks
- Directory traversal

- Content spoofing
- Sessions tampering

2.7.7. Static source code review (this is less likely to be used)

The review provides an in-depth analysis of the source code, highlighting any vulnerabilities associated with poor programming practices and offers recommendations to secure the code base.

The specific testing phases are dependent upon the application functionality however the following areas are common to most source code analysis reviews:

- Best practice adherence
- Deployment review
- Assessments of:
 - Input validation
 - Error handling
 - Session management
 - Authentication
 - Cryptography
 - Logging

3. SCOPE

The contract will be for a period of three years with a maximum total contract value of £900,000. The scope for each ITHC will be agreed and documented in the SOW Form in Appendix A.

Over the last three years, the NHSBSA's ITHC expenditure averages around £134,000 per year. The volume of ITHCs has been continuously growing throughout this period and still continues to increase.

We typically undertake an average of three ITHCs per month. However, there are peaks and troughs in demand and the ITHC service must therefore be flexible. One example of this is a trend where demand for ITHCs increases in March, due to a number of projects aligning deadlines with NHSBSA's financial year end. The ITHCs vary in their degree of complexity but will typically include the first six areas detailed in Paragraphs 2.7.1 to 2.7.6.

There is currently also an AWS platform-wide ITHC undertaken every quarter.

Please note that this Scope Section sets out indicative volumes only and there is no guarantee that these volumes will be called off. The same principle applies to the maximum total contract value of £900,000, which is a maximum only and not an estimate of the anticipated spend under the contract. This £900,000 cap is intended to provide the NHSBSA with both contingency and the opportunity for growth.

4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Ref	Mandatory Requirement
4.1	The Supplier must be accredited to conduct NCSC CHECK standard for ITHCs
4.2	The Supplier must have at least one full CHECK Team Leader allocated to each ITHC
4.3	As detailed in Section 2, the Supplier must have the ability to be able to conduct ITHCs by way of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure testing • Server build reviews on multiple platform servers • Firewall rules review • Database configuration review • Application testing • Web service testing • Static source code review
4.4	The Supplier must have the capacity to secure resource for an ITHC within a maximum of 10 Working Days' notice. Such notice in the context of this requirement shall be the Supplier's receipt of a valid Purchase Order.
4.5	The Supplier must have the ability to conduct tests using grey, white and black-box testing
4.6	The Supplier must maintain an appropriately scoped Information Security Management System (ISMS) certified by a UKAS accredited certification body against the ISO/IEC ISO27001 (minimum ISO/IEC ISO27001:2013) security standard OR be able to evidence compliance to the in-scope controls of ISO27001.
4.7	The Supplier must be certified to the Cyber Essentials Plus standard.
4.8	The Supplier must have an initial meeting, either by physical or virtual means, with the NHSBSA to discuss the background, context and scope of each test. The content of the agreed SOW will be based on this meeting and drafted in the format detailed in Appendix A.
4.9	The Supplier must immediately notify the NHSBSA of any Critical issues as they occur throughout the testing phase and stop the test
4.10	The Supplier must take part in daily wash up calls to discuss the days findings and the remainder of the planned testing
4.11	The Suppliers final report must include only those details which are necessary to understand the work undertaken, the background issues and any suggested remedial action. The report must be written in plain English, using a conversational narrative style describing each threat simulation, the outcome and the recommendation
4.12	For each vulnerability identified the final report will advise a description of the of the vulnerability, the source systems, the CVSSv3 score, vulnerability score and suggested remediation
4.13	The Supplier must ensure all potentially sensitive materials (including scope, architectural documents and reports) are communicated to the NHSBSA via secure transfer.

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4.14	The Supplier must provide a written DRAFT report to NHSBSA within five Working Days of the ITHC completion date
4.15	The Supplier must provide the FINAL written report to NHSBSA within fifteen Working Days of the ITHC completion date (copied to NCSC within one calendar month of the report being issued to NHSBSA)
4.16	The supplier must investigate any additional specific Principle Security Concerns NHSBSA may have around the service being tested
4.17	The Supplier must list within the written report details of the testing tools and software version numbers used to conduct the test
4.18	The supplier must have the capability to test at physical locations (including datacentres) and remotely
4.19	The Supplier must have the capability to test from N3/HSCN and PSN networks
4.20	Testing must not interrupt the service under test

5. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

5.1. The final output report should be produced to the following standards:

5.1.1. CHECK report standard; and

5.1.2. PSN report standard.

5.2. Service reviews should take place regularly, at a minimum on a quarterly basis, to discuss the performance of the contract, risks, issues, service improvements or escalations.

5.3. The Supplier should provide a dedicated point of contact for the management of the contract and a secondary point of contact if unavailable.

5.4. The Supplier should submit an initial fit-for-purpose draft SOW within 10 Working Days after the initial scoping meeting. This could vary depending on the urgency of the test required, however, this will be communicated in adequate time with the relevant supplier team to organise resource and scheduling.

5.5. The Supplier should have specialist expertise and proven experience of testing in AWS, Azure, on-premise infrastructure.

Order Schedule 22 – Secret Matters

Associated definitions:

In this Order Schedule 22, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Document"	includes specifications, plans, drawings, photographs and books;
"Secret Matter"	means any matter connected with or arising out of the performance of this Order Contract which has been, or may hereafter be, by a notice in writing given by the Customer to the Supplier be designated 'top secret', 'secret', or 'confidential';
"Servant"	where the Supplier is a body corporate shall include a director of that body and any person occupying in relation to that body the position of director by whatever name called.

1. Disclosure

- 1.1 The Supplier shall not, either before or after the completion or termination of this Order Contract, do or permit to be done anything which it knows or ought reasonably to know may result in information about a Secret Matter being:
- 1.1.1 without the prior consent in writing of the Buyer, disclosed to or acquired by a person who is an alien or who is a British subject by virtue only of a certificate of naturalisation in which his name was included;
 - 1.1.2 disclosed to or acquired by a person as respects whom the Buyer has given to the Supplier a notice in writing which has not been cancelled stating that the Buyer requires that Secret Matters shall not be disclosed to that person;
 - 1.1.3 without the prior consent in writing of the Buyer, disclosed to or acquired by any person who is not a Servant of the Supplier; or
 - 1.1.4 disclosed to or acquired by a person who is an employee of the Supplier except in a case where it is necessary for the proper performance of this Order Contract that such person shall have the information.

2. Safeguarding

- 2.1 Without prejudice to the provisions of Paragraph 1, the Supplier shall, both before and after the completion or termination of this Order Contract, take all reasonable steps to ensure:
- 2.1.1 no such person as is mentioned in Paragraph 1.1, 1.1.1 or 1.1.2, thereof shall have access to any item or Document under the control

of the Supplier containing information about a Secret Matter except with the prior consent in writing of the Buyer;

2.1.2 that no visitor to any premises in which there is any item to be supplied under this Order Contract or where Goods are being supplied shall see or discuss with the Supplier or any person employed by him any Secret Matter unless the visitor is authorised in writing by the Buyer so to do;

2.1.3 that no photograph of any item to be supplied under this Order Contract or any portions of the Goods shall be taken except insofar as may be necessary for the proper performance of this Order Contract or with the prior consent in writing of the Buyer, and that no such photograph shall, without such consent, be published or otherwise circulated;

2.1.4 that all information about any Secret Matter and every Document, model or other item which contains or may reveal any such information is at all times strictly safeguarded, and that, except insofar as may be necessary for the proper performance of this Order Contract or with the prior consent in writing of the Buyer, no copies of or extracts from any such Document, model or item shall be made or used and no designation of description which may reveal information about the nature or contents of any such Document, model or item shall be placed thereon; and

2.1.5 that if the Buyer gives notice in writing to the Supplier at any time requiring the delivery to the Customer of any such Document, model or item as is mentioned in Paragraph 2.1.4, that Document, model or item (including all copies of or extracts therefrom) shall forthwith be delivered to the Buyer who shall be deemed to be the owner thereof and accordingly entitled to retain the same.

3. Decision of the Buyer

- 3.1 The decision of the Buyer on the question whether the Supplier has taken or is taking all reasonable steps as required by the foregoing provisions of this Order Schedule 22 shall be final and conclusive.

4. Particulars of People

- 4.1 If and when directed by the Buyer, the Supplier shall furnish full particulars of all people who are at any time concerned with any Secret Matter.

5. Official Secrets Act

- 5.1 If and when directed by the Buyer, the Supplier shall secure that any person employed by it who is specified in the direction, or is one of a class of people who may be so specified, shall sign a statement that he understands that the Official Secrets Act, 1911 to 1989 and, where applicable, the Atomic Energy Act 1946, apply to the person signing the statement both during the carrying out and after expiry or termination of the Order Contract.

6. Information concerning the Contract

- 6.1 If, at any time either before or after the expiry or termination of this Order Contract, it comes to the notice of the Supplier that any person acting without lawful authority is seeking or has sought to obtain information concerning this Order Contract or anything done or to be done in pursuance thereof, the matter shall be forthwith reported by the Supplier to the Buyer and the report shall, in each case, be accompanied by a statement of the facts, including, if possible, the name, address and occupation of that person, and the Supplier shall be responsible for making all such arrangements as it may consider appropriate to ensure that if any such occurrence comes to the knowledge of any person employed by it, that person shall forthwith report the matter to the Supplier with a statement of the facts as aforesaid.

7. Duty to observe obligations

- 7.1 The Supplier shall place every person employed by it, other than a Sub contractor, who in its opinion has or will have such knowledge of any Secret Matter as to appreciate its significance, under a duty to the Supplier to observe the same obligations in relation to that Secret Matter as are imposed on the Supplier by Paragraphs 1 and 2 and shall, if directed by the Buyer, place every person who is specified in the direction or is one of a class of people so specified, under the like duty in relation to any Secret Matter which may be specified in the direction, and shall at all times use its best endeavours to ensure that every person upon whom obligations are imposed by virtue of this Order Schedule 22 observes the said obligations, and the Supplier shall give such instructions and information to every such person as may be necessary for that purpose, and shall, immediately upon becoming aware of any act or omission which is or would be a breach of the said obligations, report the facts to the Supplier with all necessary particulars.

8. Sub-Contract Obligations

- 8.1 The Supplier shall, if directed by the Buyer, include in the Sub-Contract provisions in such terms as the Buyer may consider appropriate for placing the Sub-Contractor under obligations in relation to secrecy and security corresponding to those placed on the Supplier by this Order Schedule 22, but with such variations (if any) as the Buyer may consider necessary. Further the Supplier shall:
- 8.1.1 give such notices, directions, requirements and decisions to its Sub Contractors as may be necessary to bring the provisions relating to secrecy and security which are included in Sub-Contracts under this Order Schedule 22 into operation in such cases and to such extent as the Buyer may direct;
- 8.1.2 if there comes to its notice any breach by the Sub-Contractor of the obligations of secrecy and security included in their Sub-Contracts in pursuance of this Order Schedule 22, notify such breach forthwith to the Customer; and

8.1.3 if and when so required by the Buyer, exercise its power to determine the Sub-Contract under the provision in that Sub-Contract which corresponds to Paragraph 11.

9. Information to the Buyer

- 9.1 The Supplier shall give the Buyer such information and particulars as the Buyer may from time to time require for the purposes of satisfying the Buyer that the obligations imposed by or under the foregoing provisions of this Order Schedule 22 have been and are being observed and as to what the Supplier has done or is doing or proposes to do to secure the observance of those obligations and to prevent any breach thereof, and the Supplier shall secure that a representative of the Buyer duly authorised in writing shall be entitled at reasonable times to enter and inspect any premises in which anything is being done or is to be done under this Order Contract or in which there is or will be any item to be supplied under this Order Contract, and also to inspect any Document or item in any such premises or which is being made or used for the purposes of this Order Contract and that any such representative shall be given all such information as he may require on the occasion of, or arising out of, any such inspection.

10. Exclusion

- 10.1 Nothing in this Order Schedule 22 shall prevent any person from giving any information or doing anything on any occasion when it is, by virtue of any enactment, the duty of that person to give that information or do that thing.

11. Grounds for Termination

- 11.1 If the Buyer shall consider that any of the following events has occurred:
- 11.1.1 that the Supplier has committed a breach of, or failed to comply with any of, the foregoing provisions of this Order Schedule 22; or
 - 11.1.2 that the Supplier has committed a breach of any obligations in relation to secrecy or security imposed upon it by any other contract with the Buyer, or with any department or person acting on behalf of the Crown; or
 - 11.1.3 that by reason of an act or omission on the part of the Supplier, or of a person employed by the Supplier, which does not constitute such a breach or failure as is mentioned in Paragraph 11.1.4 information about a Secret Matter has been or is likely to be acquired by a person who, in the opinion of the Buyer, ought not to have such information;
 - 11.1.5 and shall also decide that the interests of the state require the termination of this Order Contract, the Buyer may by notice in writing terminate this Order Contract forthwith.

12. Buyer Decision to Terminate

- 12.1 A decision of the Buyer to terminate this Order Contract in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11 shall be final and conclusive and it shall not be necessary for any notice of such termination to specify or refer in any

way to the event or considerations upon which the Buyer's decision is based.

13. Supplier's notice

- 13.1 The Supplier may within five (5) Working Days of the termination of this Order Contract in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11, give the Buyer notice in writing requesting the Buyer to state whether the event upon which the Buyer's decision to terminate was based is an event mentioned in Paragraphs 11.1.1, 11.1.2 or 11.1.3 and to give particulars of that event; and
- 13.2 the Buyer shall within ten (10) Working Days of the receipt of such a request give notice in writing to the Supplier containing such a statement and particulars as are required by the request.

14. Matters pursuant to termination

- 14.1 The termination of this Order Contract pursuant to Paragraph 11 shall be without prejudice to any rights of either Party which shall have accrued before the date of such termination;
- 14.2 The Supplier shall be entitled to be paid for any work or thing done under this Order Contract and accepted but not paid for by the Buyer at the date of such termination either at the price which would have been payable under this Order Contract if the Order Contract had not been terminated, or at a reasonable price;
- 14.3 The Buyer may take over any work or thing done or made under this Order Contract (whether completed or not) and not accepted at the date of such termination which the Buyer may by notice in writing to the Supplier given within thirty (30) Working Days from the time when the provisions of this Order Schedule 22 shall have effect, elect to take over, and the Supplier shall be entitled to be paid for any work or thing so taken over a price which, having regard to the stage which that work or thing has reached and its condition at the time it is taken over, is reasonable. The Supplier shall in accordance with directions given by the Buyer, deliver any work or thing taken over under this Paragraph 14.3, and take all such other steps as may be reasonably necessary to enable the Buyer to have the full benefit of any work or thing taken over under this Paragraph 14.3 ; and
- 14.4 Save as aforesaid, the Supplier shall not be entitled to any payment from the Buyer after the termination of this Order Contract.

15. Rights & Obligations after Termination

- 15.1 If, after notice of termination of this Order Contract pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 11:
 - 15.1.1 the Buyer shall not within ten (10) Working Days of the receipt of a request from the Supplier, furnish such a statement and particulars as are detailed in Paragraph 13.1; or
 - 15.1.2 the Buyer shall state in the statement and particulars detailed in Paragraph 13.2 that the event upon which the Buyer's

decision to terminate this Order Contract was based is an event mentioned in Paragraph.11.1.3,

15.1.3 the respective rights and obligations of the Supplier and the Buyer shall be terminated in accordance with the following provisions:

- 15.2 the Buyer shall take over from the Supplier at a fair and reasonable price all unused and undamaged materials, bought-out parts and components and articles in course of manufacture in the possession of the Supplier upon the termination of this Order Contract under the provisions of Paragraph 11 and properly provided by or supplied to the Supplier for the performance of this Order Contract, except such materials, bought-out parts and components and articles in course of manufacture as the Supplier shall, with the concurrence of the Buyer, elect to retain;
- 15.3 the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer within an agreed period or in default of agreement within such period as the Buyer may specify, a list of all such unused and undamaged materials, bought-out parts and components and articles in course of manufacture liable to be taken over by or previously belonging to the Buyer and shall deliver such materials and items in accordance with the directions of the Buyer who shall pay to the Supplier fair and reasonable handling and delivery charges incurred in complying with such directions;
- 15.4 the Buyer shall indemnify the Supplier against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which are reasonably and properly chargeable by the Supplier in connection with this Order Contract to the extent to which the said commitments, liabilities or expenditure would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Supplier by reason of the termination of this Order Contract;
- 15.5 if hardship to the Supplier should arise from the operation of this Paragraph 15 it shall be open to the Supplier to refer the circumstances to the Buyer who, on being satisfied that such hardship exists shall make such allowance, if any, as in its opinion is reasonable and the decision of the Buyer on any matter arising out of this Paragraph 15.5 shall be final and conclusive; and
- 15.6 subject to the operation of Paragraphs 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, and 15.5 termination of this Order Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights of either party that may have accrued before the date of such termination.



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Core Terms - DPS

1. Definitions used in the contract

1.1 Interpret this Contract using Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions).

2. How the contract works

2.1 The Supplier is eligible for the award of Order Contracts during the DPS Contract Period.

2.2 CCS doesn't guarantee the Supplier any exclusivity, quantity or value of work under the DPS Contract.

2.3 CCS has paid one penny to the Supplier legally to form the DPS Contract. The Supplier acknowledges this payment.

2.4 If the Buyer decides to buy Deliverables under the DPS Contract it must use DPS Schedule 7 (Order Procedure) and must state its requirements using DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules). If allowed by the Regulations, the Buyer can:

- make changes to DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules)
- create new Order Schedules
- exclude optional template Order Schedules
- use Special Terms in the Order Form to add or change terms

2.5 Each Order Contract:

- is a separate Contract from the DPS Contract
- is between a Supplier and a Buyer
- includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Order Form
- survives the termination of the DPS Contract

2.6 Where the Supplier is approached by an eligible buyer requesting Deliverables or substantially similar goods or services, the Supplier must tell them about this DPS Contract before accepting their order. The Supplier will promptly notify CCS if the eligible buyer won't use this DPS Contract.

2.7 The Supplier acknowledges it has all the information required to perform its obligations under each Contract before entering into a Contract. When information is provided by a Relevant Authority no warranty of its accuracy is given to the Supplier.

2.8 The Supplier won't be excused from any obligation, or be entitled to additional Costs or Charges because it failed to either:

- verify the accuracy of the Due Diligence Information
- properly perform its own adequate checks

2.9 CCS and the Buyer won't be liable for errors, omissions or misrepresentation of any information.

2.10 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.

2.11 An Order Contract can only be created using the electronic procedures described in the OJEU Notice as required by the Regulations.

2.12 A Supplier can only receive Orders under the DPS Contract while it meets the basic access requirements for the DPS stated in the OJEU Notice. CCS can audit whether a Supplier meets the basic access requirements at any point during the DPS Contract Period.

3. What needs to be delivered

3.1 All deliverables

3.1.1 The Supplier must provide Deliverables:

- that comply with the Specification, the DPS Application and, in relation to an Order Contract, the Order Tender (if there is one)
- to a professional standard
- using reasonable skill and care
- using Good Industry Practice
- using its own policies, processes and internal quality control measures as long as they don't conflict with the Contract
- on the dates agreed
- 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.

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 takes all reasonable steps 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 an Order 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.

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 each 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 Order Form.

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4.2 CCS must invoice the Supplier for the Management Levy and the Supplier must pay it using the process in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information).

4.3 All Charges and the Management Levy:

- exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice
- include all costs connected with the Supply of Deliverables

4.4 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 Order Form.

4.5 A Supplier invoice is only valid if it:

- includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Buyer
- includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Deliverables and Milestone(s) (if any)
- doesn't include any Management Levy (the Supplier must not charge the Buyer in any way for the Management Levy)

4.6 The Buyer may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Supplier if notice and reasons are provided.

4.7 The Supplier must ensure that all Subcontractors are paid, in full, within 30 days of receipt of a valid, undisputed invoice. If this doesn't happen, CCS or the Buyer can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.

4.8 If CCS or 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 CCS or the Buyer may either:

- require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with the more favourable terms offered for the relevant items
- enter into a direct agreement with the Subcontractor or third party for the relevant item

4.9 If CCS or the Buyer uses Clause 4.8 then the Charges must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.

4.10 CCS and the Buyer's right to enter into a direct agreement for the supply of the relevant items is subject to both:

- the relevant item being made available to the Supplier if required to provide the Deliverables
- any reduction in the Charges excluding any unavoidable costs that must be paid by the Supplier for the substituted item, including any licence fees or early termination charges

4.11 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 an Authority Cause:

- neither CCS or the Buyer can terminate a Contract under Clause 10.4.1
- the Supplier is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from Delay Payments, liability and Deduction under this Contract
- the Supplier is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery
- the Supplier cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Deliverables

5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Supplier:

- gives notice to the Party responsible for the Authority Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware
- demonstrates that the Supplier Non-Performance only happened because of the Authority Cause
- mitigated the impact of the Authority 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 Order Form.

6.2 The Supplier must keep and maintain full and accurate records and accounts on everything to do with the Contract for 7 years after the End Date.

6.3 The Supplier must allow any Auditor access to their premises to verify all contract accounts and records of everything to do with the Contract and provide copies for an Audit.

6.4 The Supplier must provide information to the Auditor and reasonable co-operation at their request.

6.5 If the Supplier is not providing any of the Deliverables, or is unable to provide them, it must immediately:

- tell the Relevant Authority and give reasons
- propose corrective action
- provide a deadline for completing the corrective action

6.6 The Supplier must provide CCS with a Self Audit Certificate supported by an audit report at the end of each Contract Year. The report must contain:

- the methodology of the review
- the sampling techniques applied
- details of any issues

- any remedial action taken

6.7 The Self Audit Certificate must be completed and signed by an auditor or senior member of the Supplier's management team that is qualified in either a relevant audit or financial discipline.

7. Supplier staff

7.1 The Supplier Staff involved in the performance of each Contract must:

- be appropriately trained and qualified
- be vetted using Good Industry Practice and the Security Policy
- comply with all conduct requirements when on the Buyer's Premises

7.2 Where a Buyer decides one of the Supplier's Staff isn't suitable to work on a 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 Clause 27.

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 CCS and 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. Rights and protection

8.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:

- it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform each Contract
- each Contract is executed by its authorised representative
- it is a legally valid and existing organisation incorporated in the place it was formed
- 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 each Contract
- it maintains all necessary rights, authorisations, licences and consents to perform its obligations under each Contract
- it doesn't have any contractual obligations which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform each Contract
- it is not impacted by an Insolvency Event
- it will comply with each Order Contract

8.2 The warranties and representations in Clauses 2.10 and 8.1 are repeated each time the Supplier provides Deliverables under the Contract.

8.3 The Supplier indemnifies both CCS and every Buyer against each of the following:

- wilful misconduct of the Supplier, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract
- non-payment by the Supplier of any tax or National Insurance

8.4 All claims indemnified under this Contract must use Clause 26.

8.5 CCS or a Buyer can terminate the Contract for breach of any warranty or indemnity where they are entitled to do so.

8.6 If the Supplier becomes aware of a representation or warranty that becomes untrue or misleading, it must immediately notify CCS and every Buyer.

8.7 All third party warranties and indemnities covering the Deliverables must be assigned for the Buyer's benefit by the Supplier.

9. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

9.1 Each Party keeps ownership of its own Existing IPRs. The Supplier gives the Buyer a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license the Supplier's Existing IPR to enable it to both:

- receive and use the Deliverables
- make use of the deliverables provided by a Replacement Supplier

9.2 Any New IPR created under an Order Contract is owned by the Buyer. The Buyer gives the Supplier i) a licence to use any Buyer Existing IPRs and New IPR during the Order Contract Period for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under the Order Contract, and ii) a licence to use the New IPRs (excluding any Information which is the Buyer's Confidential information or which is subject to the Data Protection Legislation) after the Order Contract period on the terms set out in the Open Government Licence. "

9.3 Where a Party acquires ownership of IPRs 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.

9.4 Neither Party has the right to use the other Party's IPRs, including any use of the other Party's names, logos or trademarks, except as provided in Clause 9 or otherwise agreed in writing.

9.5 If there is an IPR Claim, the Supplier indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against all losses, damages, costs or expenses (including professional fees and fines) incurred as a result.

9.6 If an IPR Claim is made or anticipated the Supplier must at its own expense and the Buyer's sole option, either:

- obtain for CCS and the Buyer the rights in Clause 9.1 and 9.2 without infringing any third party IPR

- replace or modify the relevant item with substitutes that don't infringe IPR without adversely affecting the functionality or performance of the Deliverables

10. Ending the contract

10.1 The Contract takes effect on the Start Date and ends on the End Date or earlier if required by Law.

10.2 The Relevant Authority can extend the Contract for the Extension Period by giving the Supplier no less than 3 Months' written notice before the Contract expires.

10.3 Ending the contract without a reason

10.3.1 CCS has the right to terminate the DPS Contract at any time without reason or liability by giving the Supplier at least 30 days' notice and if it's terminated Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

10.3.2 Each Buyer has the right to terminate their Order Contract at any time without reason or liability by giving the Supplier not less than 90 days' written notice and if it's terminated Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

10.4 When CCS or the buyer can end a contract

10.4.1 If any of the following events happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate its Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- there's a Supplier Insolvency Event
- there's a Contract Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan
- the Relevant Authority rejects a Rectification Plan or the Supplier does not provide it within 10 days of the request
- there's any material default of the Contract
- there's a Default of Clauses 2.10, 9, 14, 15, 27, 32 or DPS Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials) (where applicable) relating to any Contract
- there's a consistent repeated failure to meet the Performance Indicators in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management)
- there's a Change of Control of the Supplier which isn't pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing
- there's a Variation to a Contract which cannot be agreed using Clause 24 (Changing the contract) or resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving disputes)
- if the Relevant Authority 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
- the Court of Justice of the European Union uses Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) to declare that the Contract should not have been awarded to the Supplier because of a serious breach of the TFEU or the Regulations
- the Supplier or its Affiliates embarrass or bring CCS or the Buyer into disrepute or diminish the public trust in them

10.4.2 CCS may terminate the DPS Contract if a Buyer terminates an Order Contract for any of the reasons listed in Clause 10.4.1.

10.4.3 If there is a Default, the Relevant Authority can, without limiting its other rights, request that the Supplier provide a Rectification Plan.

10.4.4 When the Relevant Authority receives a requested Rectification Plan it can either:

- reject the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan, giving reasons
- accept the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan (without limiting its rights) and the Supplier must immediately start work on the actions in the Rectification Plan at its own cost, unless agreed otherwise by the Parties

10.4.5 Where the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan is rejected, the Relevant Authority:

- must give reasonable grounds for its decision
- may request that the Supplier provides a revised Rectification Plan within 5 Working Days

10.4.6 If any of the events in 73 (1) (a) to (c) of the Regulations happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate the Contract and Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

10.5 What happens if the contract ends

Where the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.4.1 all of the following apply:

10.5.1 The Supplier is responsible for the Relevant Authority's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Deliverables for the rest of the Contract Period.

10.5.2 The Buyer's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.

10.5.3 Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.

10.5.4 The Supplier must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by law.

10.5.5 The Supplier must promptly return any of CCS or the Buyer's property provided under the terminated Contract.

10.5.6 The Supplier must, at no cost to CCS or the Buyer, co-operate fully in the handover and re-procurement (including to a Replacement Supplier).

10.5.7 The following Clauses survive the termination of each Contract: 3.2.10, 6, 7.2, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 34, 35 and any Clauses and Schedules which are expressly or by implication intended to continue.

10.6 When the supplier can end the contract

10.6.1 The Supplier can issue a Reminder Notice if the Buyer does not pay an undisputed invoice on time. The Supplier can terminate an Order Contract if the Buyer fails to pay an undisputed invoiced sum due and worth over 10% of the annual Contract Value within 30 days of the date of the Reminder Notice.

10.6.2 If a Supplier terminates an Order Contract under Clause 10.6.1:

- the Buyer must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Supplier
- 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

- Clauses 10.5.4 to 10.5.7 apply

10.7 When subcontracts can be ended

At the Buyer's request, the Supplier must terminate any Subcontracts in any of the following events:

- there is a Change of Control of a Subcontractor which isn't pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing
- the acts or omissions of the Subcontractor have caused or materially contributed to a right of termination under Clause 10.4
- a Subcontractor or its Affiliates embarrasses or brings into disrepute or diminishes the public trust in the Relevant Authority

10.8 Partially ending and suspending the contract

10.8.1 Where CCS has the right to terminate the DPS Contract it can suspend the Supplier's ability to accept Orders (for any period) and the Supplier cannot enter into any new Order Contracts during this period. If this happens, the Supplier must still meet its obligations under any existing Order Contracts that have already been signed.

10.8.2 Where CCS has the right to terminate a DPS Contract it is entitled to terminate all or part of it.

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

10.8.4 The Relevant Authority can only partially terminate or suspend a Contract if the remaining parts of that Contract can still be used to effectively deliver the intended purpose.

10.8.5 The Parties must agree any necessary Variation required by Clause 10.8 using the Variation Procedure, but the Supplier may not either:

- reject the Variation
- increase the Charges, except where the right to partial termination is under Clause 10.3

10.8.6 The Buyer can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under Clause 10.8.

11. How much you can be held responsible for

11.1 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under this DPS Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than £100,000.

11.2 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under each Order Contract (whether in tort,

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contract or otherwise) is no more than the greater of £1 million or 150% of the Estimated Yearly Charges unless specified in the Order Form

11.3 No Party is liable to the other for:

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

11.4 In spite of Clause 11.1 and 11.2, neither Party limits or excludes any of the following:

- its liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors
- its liability for bribery or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees
- any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by Law
- its obligation to pay the required Management Levy

11.5 In spite of Clauses 11.1 and 11.2, the Supplier does not limit or exclude its liability for any indemnity given under Clauses 7.5, 8.3, 9.5, 12.2 or 14.8 or Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer) of a Contract.

11.6 Each Party must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any Loss or damage which it suffers under or in connection with each Contract, including any indemnities.

11.7 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 11.1 or 11.2 the following items will not be taken into consideration:

- Deductions
- any items specified in Clause 11.5

11.8 If more than one Supplier is party to a Contract, each Supplier Party is fully responsible for both their own liabilities and the liabilities of the other Suppliers.

12. Obeying the law

12.1 The Supplier must use reasonable endeavours to comply with the provisions of Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility).

12.2 The Supplier indemnifies CCS and every Buyer against any costs resulting from any Default by the Supplier relating to any applicable Law to do with a Contract.

12.3 The Supplier must appoint a Compliance Officer who must be responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with Law, Clause 12.1 and Clauses 27 to 32.

13. Insurance

The Supplier must, at its own cost, obtain and maintain the Required Insurances in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance

Requirements) and any Additional Insurances in the Order Form.

14. Data protection

14.1 The Supplier must process Personal Data and ensure that Supplier Staff process Personal Data only in accordance with Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data).

14.2 The Supplier must not remove any ownership or security notices in or relating to the Government Data.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

14.5 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that the Government Data provided under a Contract is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded, then the Supplier must notify the Relevant Authority and immediately suggest remedial action.

14.6 If the Government Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded so as to be unusable the Relevant Authority may either or both:

- 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 Relevant Authority receives notice, or the Supplier finds out about the issue, whichever is earlier
- restore the Government Data itself or using a third party

14.7 The Supplier must pay each Party's reasonable costs of complying with Clause 14.7 unless CCS or the Buyer is at fault.

14.8 The Supplier:

- must provide the Relevant Authority with all Government Data in an agreed open format within 10 Working Days of a written request
- must have documented processes to guarantee prompt availability of Government Data if the Supplier stops trading
- must securely destroy all Storage Media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media using Good Industry Practice
- securely erase all Government Data and any copies it holds when asked to do so by CCS or the Buyer unless required by Law to retain it
- Indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against any and all Losses incurred if the Supplier breaches Clause 14 and any Data Protection Legislation.

14.9. 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.

14.10 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.

14.11. Any cost arising out of the actions of the Parties taken in compliance with the provisions of Clause shall be borne by the Parties as follows:

14.11.1 by the Supplier, where the Malicious Software originates from the software provided 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 Relevant Authority when provided to the Supplier; and

14.11.2. by the Relevant Authority, if the Malicious Software originates from the software provided by the Relevant Authority or the Government Data (whilst the Government Data was under the control of the Relevant Authority).”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.

15. What you must keep confidential

15.1 Each Party must:

- keep all Confidential Information it receives confidential and secure
- 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
- immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure of the Confidential Information

15.2 In spite of Clause 15.1, a Party may disclose Confidential Information which it receives from the Disclosing Party in any of the following instances:

- where disclosure is required by applicable Law or by 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
- if the Recipient Party already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party
- if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality
- if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure
- if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party’s Confidential Information
- to its auditors or for the purposes of regulatory requirements
- on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis
- 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

15.3 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 Relevant Authority at its request.

15.4 CCS or the Buyer may disclose Confidential Information in any of the following cases:

- on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of CCS or the Buyer
- on a confidential basis to any other Central Government Body, any successor body to a Central Government Body or any company that CCS or the Buyer transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business to
- if CCS or the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate to carry out its public functions
- where requested by Parliament
- under Clauses 4.7 and 16

15.5 For the purposes of Clauses 15.2 to 15.4 references to disclosure on a confidential basis means disclosure under a confidentiality agreement or arrangement including terms as strict as those required in Clause 15.

15.6 Transparency Information is not Confidential Information.

15.7 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 Relevant Authority and must take all reasonable steps to ensure that Supplier Staff do not either.

16. When you can share information

16.1 The Supplier must tell the Relevant Authority within 48 hours if it receives a Request For Information.

16.2 Within the required timescales the Supplier must give CCS and each Buyer full co-operation and information needed so the Buyer can:

- publish the Transparency Information
- comply with any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request
- comply with any Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request

16.3 The Relevant Authority may talk to the Supplier to help it decide whether to publish information under Clause 16. However, the extent, content and format of the disclosure is the Relevant Authority's decision, which does not need to be reasonable.

17. Invalid parts of the contract

If any part of a 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 that 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.

18. No other terms apply

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

19. Other people's rights in a 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.

20. Circumstances beyond your control

20.1 Any Party affected by a Force Majeure Event is excused from performing its obligations under a Contract while the inability to perform continues, if it both:

- provides a Force Majeure Notice to the other Party
- uses all reasonable measures practical to reduce the impact of the Force Majeure Event

20.2 Either party can partially or fully terminate the affected Contract if the provision of the Deliverables is materially affected by a Force Majeure Event which lasts for 90 days continuously.

20.3 Where a Party terminates under Clause 20.2:

- each party must cover its own Losses
- Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies

21. Relationships created by the contract

No Contract creates a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship. The Supplier must represent themselves accordingly and ensure others do so.

22. Giving up contract rights

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

23. Transferring responsibilities

23.1 The Supplier can not assign a Contract without the Relevant Authority's written consent.

23.2 The Relevant Authority 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 Relevant Authority.

23.3 When CCS or the Buyer uses its rights under Clause 23.2 the Supplier must enter into a novation agreement in the form that CCS or the Buyer specifies.

23.4 The Supplier can terminate a Contract novated under Clause 23.2 to a private sector body that is experiencing an Insolvency Event.

23.5 The Supplier remains responsible for all acts and omissions of the Supplier Staff as if they were its own.

23.6 If CCS or the Buyer asks the Supplier for details about Subcontractors, the Supplier must provide details of Subcontractors at all levels of the supply chain including:

- their name
- the scope of their appointment
- the duration of their appointment

24. Changing the contract

24.1 Either Party can request a Variation to a Contract which is only effective if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties.

24.2 The Supplier must provide an Impact Assessment either:

- with the Variation Form, where the Supplier requests the Variation
- within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by CCS or the Buyer

24.3 If the Variation to a Contract cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, CCS or the Buyer can either:

- agree that the Contract continues without the Variation
- terminate the affected Contract, unless in the case of an Order Contract, the Supplier has already provided part or all of the provision of the Deliverables, or where the Supplier can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to provide them
- refer the Dispute to be resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving Disputes)

24.4 CCS and the Buyer are not required to accept a Variation request made by the Supplier.

24.5 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 DPS Pricing or the Charges.

24.6 If there is a Specific Change in Law or one is likely to happen during the Contract Period the Supplier must give CCS and 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, DPS Pricing or a Contract and provide evidence:

- that the Supplier has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs
- of how it has affected the Supplier's costs

24.7 Any change in the DPS Pricing or relief from the Supplier's obligations because of a Specific Change in Law must be implemented using Clauses 24.1 to 24.4.

25. How to communicate about the contract

25.1 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 when sent unless an error message is received.

25.2 Notices to CCS must be sent to the CCS Authorised Representative's address or email address indicated on the Platform.

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

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

26. Dealing with claims

26.1 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.

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

- allow the Indemnifier to conduct all negotiations and proceedings to do with a Claim
- give the Indemnifier reasonable assistance with the claim if requested

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

26.4 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.

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

26.6 Each Beneficiary must take all reasonable steps to minimise and mitigate any losses that it suffers because of the Claim.

26.7 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:

- the sum recovered minus any legitimate amount spent by the Beneficiary when recovering this money
- the amount the Indemnifier paid the Beneficiary for the Claim

27. Preventing fraud, bribery and corruption

27.1 The Supplier must not during any Contract Period:

- commit a Prohibited Act or any other criminal offence in the Regulations 57(1) and 57(2)
- do or allow anything which would cause CCS or 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

27.2 The Supplier must during the Contract Period:

- 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
- keep full records to show it has complied with its obligations under Clause 27 and give copies to CCS or the Buyer on request
- if required by the Relevant Authority, within 20 Working Days of the Start Date of the relevant Contract, and then annually, certify in writing to the Relevant Authority, that they have complied with Clause 27, including compliance of Supplier Staff, and provide reasonable supporting evidence of this on request, including its policies and procedures

27.3 The Supplier must immediately notify CCS and the Buyer if it becomes aware of any breach of Clauses 27.1 or 27.2 or has any reason to think that it, or any of the Supplier Staff, has either:

- been investigated or prosecuted for an alleged Prohibited Act
- been debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or is otherwise ineligible to take part in procurement programmes or contracts because of a Prohibited Act by any government department or agency
- received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind related to a Contract
- suspected that any person or Party directly or indirectly related to a Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act

27.4 If the Supplier notifies CCS or the Buyer as required by Clause 27.3, 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.

27.5 In any notice the Supplier gives under Clause 27.4 it must specify the:

- Prohibited Act
- identity of the Party who it thinks has committed the Prohibited Act
- action it has decided to take

28. Equality, diversity and human rights

28.1 The Supplier must follow all applicable equality Law when they perform their obligations under the

Contract, including:

- protections against discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender reassignment, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity, age or otherwise
- any other requirements and instructions which CCS or the Buyer reasonably imposes related to equality Law

28.2 The Supplier must take all necessary steps, and inform CCS or 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 a Contract.

29. Health and safety

29.1 The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of:

- all applicable Law regarding health and safety
- the Buyer's current health and safety policy while at the Buyer's Premises, as provided to the Supplier

29.2 The Supplier and the Buyer 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 a Contract.

30. Environment

30.1 When working on Site the Supplier must perform its obligations under the Buyer's current Environmental Policy, which the Buyer must provide.

30.2 The Supplier must ensure that Supplier Staff are aware of the Buyer's Environmental Policy.

31. Tax

31.1 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. CCS and the Buyer cannot terminate a Contract where the Supplier has not paid a minor tax or social security contribution.

31.2 Where the Charges payable under a Contract with the Buyer 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 CCS and the Buyer of it within 5 Working Days including:

- the steps that the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any mitigating factors that it considers relevant
- other information relating to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance that CCS and the Buyer may reasonably need

31.3 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 an Order Contract, the Supplier must both:

- 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
- 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

31.4 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:

- the Buyer may, at any time during the Contract Period, request that the Worker provides information which demonstrates they comply with Clause 31.3, or why those requirements do not apply, the Buyer can specify the information the Worker must provide and the deadline for responding
- 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
- 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 31.3 or confirms that the Worker is not complying with those requirements
- the Buyer may supply any information they receive from the Worker to HMRC for revenue collection and management

32. Conflict of interest

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

32.2 The Supplier must promptly notify and provide details to CCS and each Buyer if a Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

32.3 CCS and each Buyer can terminate its Contract immediately by giving notice in writing to the Supplier or take any steps it thinks are necessary where there is or may be an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

33. Reporting a breach of the contract

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

- Law
- Clause 12.1
- Clauses 27 to 32

33.2 The Supplier must not retaliate against any of the Supplier Staff who in good faith reports a breach

listed in Clause 33.1 to the Buyer or a Prescribed Person.

34. Resolving disputes

34.1 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.

34.2 If the Dispute is not resolved at that meeting, the Parties 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 34.3 to 34.5.

34.3 Unless the Relevant Authority refers the Dispute to arbitration using Clause 34.4, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales have the exclusive jurisdiction to:

- determine the Dispute
- grant interim remedies
- grant any other provisional or protective relief

34.4 The Supplier agrees that the Relevant Authority 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.

34.5 The Relevant Authority has the right to refer a Dispute to arbitration even if the Supplier has started or has attempted to start court proceedings under Clause 34.3, unless the Relevant Authority 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 34.4.

34.6 The Supplier cannot suspend the performance of a Contract during any Dispute.

35. Which law applies

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

36. Buyer Premises

36.1 Licence to occupy Buyer Premises

36.1.1. Any Buyer Premises shall be made available to the Supplier on a non-exclusive licence basis free of charge and shall be used by the Supplier solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under this Order Contract. The Supplier shall have the use of such Buyer Premises as licensee and shall vacate the same immediately upon completion, termination, expiry or abandonment of this Order Contract.

36.1.2. The Supplier shall limit access to the Buyer Premises to such Supplier Staff as is necessary to enable it to perform its obligations under this Order Contract and the Supplier shall co-operate (and ensure that

the Supplier Staff co-operate) with such other persons working concurrently on such Buyer Premises as the Buyer may reasonably request.

- 36.1.3. Save in relation to such actions identified by the Supplier in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of Order Schedule 6 (where used) and set out in the Order Form (or elsewhere in the relevant Order Contract), should the Supplier require modifications to the Buyer Premises, such modifications shall be subject to Approval and shall be carried out by the Buyer at the Supplier's expense. The Buyer shall undertake any modification work which it approves pursuant to this Clause 36.1.3 without undue delay. Ownership of such modifications shall rest with the Buyer.
- 36.1.4. The Supplier shall observe and comply with such rules and regulations as may be in force at any time for the use of such Buyer Premises and conduct of personnel at the Buyer Premises as determined by the Buyer, and the Supplier shall pay for the full cost of making good any damage caused by the Supplier Staff other than fair wear and tear. For the avoidance of doubt, damage includes without limitation damage to the fabric of the buildings, plant, fixed equipment or fittings therein.
- 36.1.5. The Parties agree that there is no intention on the part of the Buyer to create a tenancy of any nature whatsoever in favour of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and that no such tenancy has or shall come into being and, notwithstanding any rights granted pursuant to the relevant Order Contract, the Buyer retains the right at any time to use any Buyer Premises in any manner it sees fit.
- 36.2 Security of Buyer Premises
- 36.2.1 The Buyer shall be responsible for maintaining the security of the Buyer Premises. The Supplier shall comply with the reasonable security requirements of the Buyer while on the Buyer Premises.
- 36.2.2 The Buyer shall afford the Supplier upon Approval (the decision to Approve or not will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) an opportunity to inspect its physical security arrangements.

37. Buyer Property

- 37.1 Where the Buyer issues Buyer Property free of charge to the Supplier such Buyer Property shall be and remain the property of the Buyer and the Supplier irrevocably licences the Buyer and its agents to enter upon any premises of the Supplier during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Buyer Property.
- 37.2 The Supplier shall not in any circumstances have a lien or any other interest on the Buyer Property and at all times the Supplier shall possess the Buyer Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Buyer.
- 37.3 The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Buyer to the Buyer Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all Sub-Contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Buyer's request, store the Buyer Property separately and securely and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Buyer.
- 37.4 The Buyer Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Supplier unless the Supplier notifies the Buyer otherwise within five (5) Working Days of receipt.
- 37.5 The Supplier shall maintain the Buyer Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear) and shall use the Buyer Property solely in connection with the relevant Order Contract and for no other purpose without Approval.
- 37.6 The Supplier shall ensure the security of all the Buyer Property whilst in its possession, either on the Sites or elsewhere during the supply of the Services, in accordance Order Schedule 9 (Security) and the Buyer's reasonable security requirements from time to time.
- 37.7 The Supplier shall be liable for all loss of, or damage to the Buyer Property, (excluding fair wear and

tear), unless such loss or damage was solely caused by a Buyer Cause. The Supplier shall inform the Buyer immediately of becoming aware of any defects appearing in or losses or damage occurring to the Buyer Property.

38. Buyer Equipment

- 38.1 Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Order Contract, the Supplier shall provide all the Supplier Equipment necessary for the provision of the Services.
- 38.2 The Supplier shall not deliver any Supplier Equipment nor begin any work on the Buyer Premises without obtaining Approval.
- 38.3 The Supplier shall be solely responsible for the cost of carriage of the Supplier Equipment to the Sites and/or any Buyer Premises, including its off-loading, removal of all packaging and all other associated costs. Likewise on the Contract Expiry Date the Supplier shall be responsible for the removal of all relevant Supplier Equipment from the Sites and/or any Buyer Premises, including the cost of packing, carriage and making good the Sites and/or the Buyer Premises following removal.
- 38.4 All the Supplier's property, including Supplier Equipment, shall remain at the sole risk and responsibility of the Supplier, except that the Buyer shall be liable for loss of or damage to any of the Supplier's property located on Buyer Premises which is due to the negligent act or omission of the Buyer.
- 38.5 Subject to any express provision of the BCDR Plan (if applicable) to the contrary, the loss or destruction for any reason of any Supplier Equipment shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligation to supply the Services in accordance with this Order Contract, including the Service Levels.
- 38.6 The Supplier shall maintain all Supplier Equipment within the Sites and/or the Buyer Premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.
- 38.7 The Supplier shall, at the Buyer's written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:
- 38.7.1 Remove from the Buyer Premises any Supplier Equipment or any component part of Supplier Equipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Order Contract; and
- 38.7.2 Replace such Supplier Equipment or component part of Supplier Equipment with a suitable substitute item of Supplier Equipment.