

National Framework Agreement for the provision of Asset and Contract Lifecycle Management Services**Framework Agreement Ref: F/015/CORP/21/MH****FTS Contract Notice ref: 2021/S 000-030435****List of Eligible Users of the Framework Agreement**

To promote transparency, The Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for use by all UK NHS Bodies (and any future successors to these organisations). To provide bidders with information on potential users of the Framework Agreement the following organisations are considered the core client base who may choose to be a Participating Authority:

1. Any of the following Customers, and any of their successors:
 - a) Ministerial government departments;
 - b) Non ministerial government departments;
 - c) Executive agencies of government;
 - d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), including advisory NDPBs, executive NDPBs, and tribunal NDPBs;
 - e) Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs);
 - f) Police forces;
 - g) Fire and rescue services;
 - h) Ambulance services;
 - i) Maritime and coastguard agency services;
 - j) NHS bodies;
 - k) Educational bodies or establishments including state schools (nursery schools, primary schools, middle or high schools, secondary schools, special schools), academies, colleges, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), further education colleges and universities;
 - l) Hospices;
 - m) National Parks;
 - n) Housing associations, including registered social landlords;
 - o) Third sector and charities;
 - p) Citizens advice bodies;
 - q) Councils, including county councils, district councils, county borough councils, community councils, London borough councils, unitary councils, metropolitan councils, parish councils;
 - r) Public corporations;
 - s) Public financial bodies or institutions;
 - t) Public pension funds;
 - u) Central banks; and
 - v) Civil service bodies, including public sector buying organisations.
2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement or updated web-link.
3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classificationsandstandards/economicstatisticsclassifications/introductiontoeconomicstatisticsclassifications> or any replacement or updated web-link.

4. Those bodies in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland which are within the scope of the definition of “Contracting Authority” in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and/or Schedule 1.
5. Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and
 - (i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed in this document;
 - (ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this document; or
 - (iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this document;
 - (iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this document.
6. The voluntary sector, charities and/or other entities and private organisations and which are not UK public sector bodies may also use the Framework Contracts if the Authority is satisfied that:
 - (i) such entity is calling-off services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Contracts on their own account.
 - (ii) such entity is acting as a managing agent or procuring on behalf of the public sector delivering services of a public nature.

For the avoidance of doubt, any successor bodies of any of the above entities shall be entitled to place Orders and shall be deemed Participating Authorities for the purposes of this Framework Agreement.