**Supporting Armed Forces in Acute Hospital Settings programme**

**Clarification Document**

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| Ref | Question | Response |
| 1 | How many grants under the ‘Supporting Armed Forces in Acute Hospital Settings’ programme does the Trust expect to issue?  In other words, how many grantee hospitals will this project be expected to cover? | It is anticipated that no more than 12 grants will be made- 5 in the Devolved Administrations and up to 7 in England. |
| 2 | Can you more clearly explain how the different timelines of the ‘programme’ and project overlap and fit together.  These include the programme grants themselves, the data collection (Lot 1) and the provision of evaluation services (Lot 2).  This will help us understand what the project will look like in terms of scope | The grants will be awarded for 2 years at the ECFT Board meeting in September 2021. The date collection contract will need to be in place by then or shortly afterwards. The evaluation contract needs to report on the work of the grant recipients by the end of their grants. |
| 3 | Section 3 of the ITT specifies page limits for responses to the three technical criteria - Can you specify if there is an overall page limit for the full technical proposal?  | There is no page limit for responses to the technical criteria |
| 4 | For improved understanding of needs – are the costs related to obtaining permission to access HES and the cost of each HES data request expected to be part of the cost of this project or will they be paid in addition to the contracted cost. If included what is the assumption of the regularity and thus number of HES enquiries? Is there a definition of the level of granulation of data requested from HES? | The grants to be awarded under this programme do not assume access to HES data. Each grant will be a pilot and the funded role will work with each host acute hospital to agree necessary access to local data ( and how that data is accessed) but please present your proposal |
| 5 | Recurrently funded integration to all AF activity in the health economy – this requirement seems very broad and a project in itself, what data collection is required to be provided to this end? | Please put your proposal in with the datasets that you propose to gather to meet this requirement. |
| 6 | What are the assumptions around how access to this system would be provided to the AF Advocate? Internet link via a browser or via an integrated interface to NHS systems? | The grants to be awarded under this programme do not assume access to HES data. Each grant will be a pilot and the funded role will work with each host acute hospital to agree necessary access to local data (and how that data is accessed) but please present your proposal |
| 7 | What provision is intended for post go live changes and enhancements, should this be factored into the proposal or is further provision envisaged?  | Organisations responding to the tender may wish to consider having a modest contingency budget for any technological adjustments that might be required. |