

4. Scope of nationally procured contracts for the term until PCSS framework call-off

- The proposed procurement will mitigate the above limitations by offering nationally procured PoC services to those suppliers that:
 - Provide the required documentation and resource effort to facilitate assurance within the specified period: August 2024 to February 2025.
 - Achieve full assurance by NHSE, as compliant with all the MUST capabilities in the:
 - PoC Specification,
 - VDS Functional Requirements, and
 - VDS Non-Functional Requirements
 - Accept the NHS Standard T&Cs and commercial terms unqualified, and
 - Can onboard to the necessary VDS technical features (ie APIs) in time for Spring 2025 with an expected go-live date of 1st April 2025
- Under these awarded contracts, the recipient suppliers will receive:
 - a monthly change management fee – to support the change load activities required by NHSE, and
 - a monthly “license fee” for each validated CP Provider engaged to that supplier’s system and confirmed as active in providing vaccinations in the month of claim.
- These contracts will be awarded in March 2025, for the expected term of 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

5. Procurement Process and Timelines**

*** Please note: all date references included below are estimates according to current understood planning*

5.1 Market Engagement Session

- to be held on 27th June 2024

5.2 Publication of Contract Notice and procurement documents

- view on “Find a Tender” from 12th July 2024

5.3 Supplier Response

- Supplier submits statement of **Request to Participate** on the basis of meeting the self-certification criteria.
- Responses must be received by NHSE no later than COB 5th August 2024

Selection Criteria Self-certification

- Do you already have CPIT data capture services in operation and available for customer use?
 - Are these services currently available in the English marketplace?
 - Are these CPIT services hosted and operated in the UK?
 - Do these services have a demonstrable and recent delivery history?
 - Does your system already have connection to PDS?
 - Does your system already hold MESH connection assurance?
 - Does your system currently meet the “MUST” requirements, as defined in the “Overall Functional Specification for Point of Care Systems v6.0” published at: <https://digital.nhs.uk/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/developer/vaccination-specifications/nhs-england-overall-functional-specification-for-point-of-care-systems-v6.0-approved.docx>

- Does your system fully comply with the DCB0129 clinical assessment criteria, published at:
<https://digital.nhs.uk/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/data-and-information/information-standards/standards-and-collections/dcb-0129-compliance-assessment-v5.0.xlsx>
- Do you have defined and appointed Clinical Safety and Data Protection Officers?

5.4 NHSE Review

- Each supplier's Request to Participate will be reviewed against self-certification selection criteria, as defined in 5.4
- Negative supplier responses will not qualify for progression to submission and assurance process.

5.5 NHSE Invitation to Suppliers

- NHSE invitation of suppliers to the Tender Submission process, will be provided no later than COB 14th August 2024 and
- All invited suppliers will be required to self-certify against the following Award Criteria, that they:
 - meet 100% the "MUST" requirements defined in the Overall Non-Functional Requirements for VDS System Providers v1.
 - meet 100% the "MUST" requirements defined in the Overall Functional Capabilities for Vaccine Data Capture and Flow v1.
- Supplier will be asked as a pass / fail requirement to:
 - Meet 100% of the requirements defined in the current DCB0129 Clinical specification.
 - Confirm acceptance of the contract terms and conditions in full including: Schedule 3 Data Protection, Schedule 6 Service Performance and Schedule 7 Commercial terms.
 - Confirm that it will, when requested:
 - Onboard any Section 7a vaccine types that NHS England may require in service in order to create vaccine agnostic systems.
 - Provide any and all further documentation and other proofs to evidence self-certification against requirements (as below); and
 - Confirm commitment to provide the necessary resources and effort to progress the assurance process.
 - Confirm that it will prepare and provide all documentation/evidence for submission to the NHSE to support the essential assurance processes for:
 - Integration with the IMS FHIR API
 - Clinical Front-end data capture
 - Data flow of additional information – FLU and COVID only
 - and where requested complete any further self-assessment check-list for completion of implementations
 - Can and will provide video proofs with vocalised commentary and associated data files, and
 - will attend live-virtual presentation sessions to review the system's capabilities

- Copy of the terms under which CP Providers are engaged, including data policy
- Clinical Hazard logs, and
- Clinical Safety Report for the system.

5.6 Supplier Submission

- Submissions must be received by NHSE no later than COB 13th September 2024
- Supplier must nominate a specific, named person for each assurance process role:
 - Over-all lead supplier-NHSE interactions.
 - Lead technical assurance process.
 - Lead clinical assurance process.
 - Lead DPIA inputs and document creation.

5.7 NHSE Evaluation Period

- NHSE will undertake validation of Supplier submissions to ensure compliance with the Award Criteria and completeness of all documentation to support Assurance.
 - 16-28th September 2024

5.8 Assurance Period

- The assurance period will operate between the dates of 30th September 2024 and close on 14th February 2025.
 - There are multiple assurance processes will be operated in parallel wherever possible to minimise the time delays and effort required but noting that the IMS FHIR assurance is a pre-requisite for final clinical assurance.
 - Therefore, suppliers will be required to submit the pre-requisite documentation (as listed above) no later than 30th October 2024 and will then seek an appointment time from the listed review slots to be published) in which they will join the NHS-VDS assurance process queue.
- Each supplier submission will be evaluated by the respective VDS team, against the following criteria and weighting:
 - Capability Assurance >98% compliance to VDS Functional Specification requirements and VDS Non-Functional Specification “MUST” requirements - scores 40%
 - Clinical Assurance 100% compliance under the DCB0129 and PoC Clinical Specification requirements - scores 35%
 - Data Assurance >100% compliance with VDS Non-Functional Data Protection requirements, GDPR requirements – scores 25%
- Any suppliers failing to meet the assurance parameters will be disqualified from receiving a contract. Each supplier passing all assurance processes with a score of 95% or greater will be awarded a contract – there is no limitation on the number of contracts to be awarded by NHSE.

5.9 Stand-Still Period

- Standstill letters will be sent on 14th February 2025.
- The standstill period will commence the 17th February 2025 and end on 26th February 2025

5.10 Contracting

- Contracts will be awarded on 3rd March to all qualifying suppliers who have passed the assurance process.
- Suppliers will commence the onboarding process to the NHS Vaccination Digital Service API's, and systems etc from 7th March 2025, or the date of contract signature, whichever is the later.