

NHS England (1)

AND

Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) (2)

National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcome Programme (NCAPOP)

CONTRACT VARIATION AGREEMENT

**Atamis Contract Ref: C126626
Business Case Ref: BC-12878**

THIS VARIATION AGREEMENT is made on

2023

BETWEEN:

- (1) **NHS England** of Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE ("**the Authority**"); and
- (2) **Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)** of 27A, Harley Place, London, W1G 8LZ ("**the Supplier**")

Each a "**Party**" and together referred to as "**the Parties**".

BACKGROUND:

- (A) The Authority and the Supplier entered into a contract entitled "National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcome Programme (NCAPOP)" on 19th January 2021 ("**the Contract**").
- (B) The Authority and the Supplier have mutually agreed to vary the Contract as detailed below in (2) Contract Variation.
- (C) The Authority will make payment to the supplier as detailed below (3) Costs / Commercial Schedule 6.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- Capitalised words and phrases in this Variation Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
- The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

2. Contract Variation:

- In accordance with Clause 21 (Change Management) of Schedule 2, the Contract the Authority and Supplier have mutually agreed to the vary the contract as outlined below.

2.1 To incorporate and launch outcome measures as a new type of indicator into the CVDPREVENT *data and Improvement Tool* (DIT), this will either be in a new area of the tool or as part of the quality improvement and data explorer areas. The outcome measures on the tool will be on the new 'dashboard' and will be grouped to separate prevalence, monitoring, treatment and outcome indicators. Outcome measures will also be available to extract alongside other indicators. Detailed metadata will be added to each indicator and more functionality will be created on the Data Extract Page to allow for specific types of indicators and data sets to be accessed with ease.

2.2 To undertake communications and dissemination activity to publicise the outcome indicators and support use of the DIT.

2.3 Once launched, the outcome indicators to be refreshed quarterly to track progress and support improvement (alongside existing indicators), and ongoing dissemination activity (alongside existing indicators); these activities to be incorporated as 'business as usual' alongside existing data refreshes and communications activities. Quarterly outcome measures will be monitored via the CVD Prevent Steering Group.

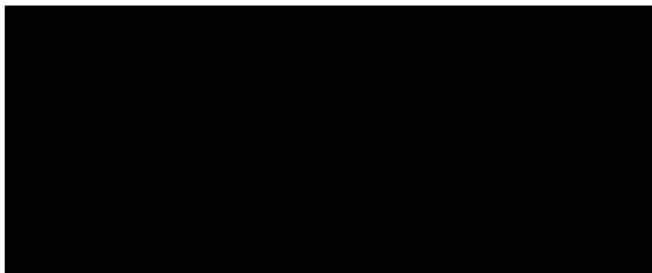
- Completion within this timescale will be dependent on:
 - a. Our supplier receiving outcomes data in the same format as existing indicators (as has been agreed by OHID).
- 'Outcome Indicators in CVDPREVENT – Updated 9th May 2023' is included at Appendix 1.

3. Costs / Schedule 6 (Commercial Schedule)

- The Supplier will be paid a maximum of £62,628 (exclusive of VAT).
- The activities in clause 2.3 to be funded by the pre-existing costs agreed for the contract and incorporated into business as usual for that contract.
- Additional work will take approximately six (6) months with an estimated start date of 01/09/2023 and end date of 29/02/2024. Start and end dates to be confirmed.

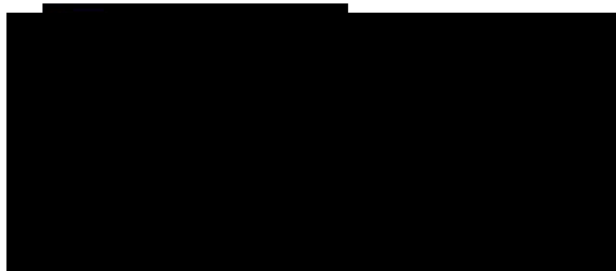
IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties have signed this Variation Agreement on the date(s) shown below:

Signed for and on behalf of NHS England

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Date:
Date Signed: 15 December 2023

Signed for and on behalf of Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)

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Date:
Date Signed: 08/09/2023

Appendix 1

Outcome Indicators in CVDPREVENT – Updated 9th May 2023

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AIM: To incorporate and launch outcome measures as a new type of indicator into the CVDPREVENT *Data and Improvement Tool (DIT)*.

Proposed Programme of Work

1. Presenting of the outcome indicators using the same structure as the existing indicators in the *quality improvement*, *data explorer* and *data extract* areas of the DIT. The data structure is shown below and the components of the tool can be viewed at <https://www.cvdprevent.nhs.uk/home>:

Indicators in the CVDPREVENT tool are presented in the following system levels:

- National (England)
- Regional
- ICB
- Sub ICB
- PCN
- Practice

Each indicator for each system level also includes inequality marker breakdowns:

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Deprivation Quintile

Data is calculated by OHID using *averages (mean, median), highest and lowest values, quintiles* and *confidence intervals*. Work is underway on presenting an *age standardisation* toggle. *Timeseries* are also generated.

2. Augmenting the tool to support this which would include:
 - Grouping the indicators on the tool to separate prevalence, monitoring, treatment and outcome indicators thus differentiating between the types of indicators. This will be important as there will be over 40 indicators on the tool once the first tranche of outcome indicators are added.
 - A potential initial presentation of the indicators as 'experimental'
 - Adding in detailed metadata for each indicator. This includes overview and rationale, definition and construction data quality, interpretation and risks.
 - Creating more functionality on the Data Extract Page to allow for specific types of indicators and data sets to be accessed with ease.
3. Adding the outcome indicators into the new *dashboard*¹ within the DIT.
4. Working with the user research team in NHS England to understand the user case and requirements for 1-3 above.
5. Creating a new video to explain the new content on the DIT and adding in user stories
6. Quarterly upload of new data for the outcome indicators to track progress and support improvement.
7. Maintenance of the DIT including allowing for the incorporation of new outcome indicators
8. Technical development time to allow for the stratification of the outcome indicators on the tool which OHID have advised will be required.
9. Dissemination activity in line with the existing CVDPREVENT programme of work:
 - Publishing a new indicator guide
 - Publishing an updated methodology annex
 - Production and sign off of a briefing slide pack
 - CVDPREVENT briefing event (online) with national speakers

¹ *Outcome indicators have been excluded from the Dashboard development to date

- Comms plan and activities² including social media posts (pre, on launch and post), email to all stakeholders, presentations at events, forums and meetings and blogs or videos.

Costs

There would need to be a breadth of people involved in the programme of work including the Clinical Lead and Quality Improvement Lead to support the positioning and presentation of a completely new set of indicators.

The scale of development has been reduced by including indicators on the tool within the existing structure for all indicators. Further developments are still required to the tool including the incorporation of outcome indicators into the dashboard. The estimated cost (see note below) is **£56,934** which comprises **130** days.

It has been assumed that the Dashboard will continue on the current trajectory and be published in advance of the outcome indicators. The dashboard will be 'future proofed' for the new outcome indicators.

The development team deployed to deliver the work would include those individuals who have developed the Data and Improvement Tool and the dashboard as well as project team members. Any additional capacity required in NHSBN will be secured without impact on the existing CVDPREVENT work programme.

Assumptions

1. The Outcomes indicators are incorporated into the current structure of the DIT in exactly the same way made as other CVDPREVENT indicators
2. Outcome data is provided as part of the CVDPREVENT quarterly data uploads rather than coming from a separate source or any separate timing
3. Data is structured in the dataset in exactly the same way as currently in CVDPREVENT
4. Detail of the metadata and methodology will be provided by OHID / NHS England
5. User research continues to be supported by NHS England
6. Indicator guide to be produced and published in 2023 rather than a full annual report which might be considered in 2024 as part of the CVDPREVENT audit programme
7. Other dissemination activity will be aligned with the existing model within CVDPREVENT

² Some of this activity will be able to be incorporated with ongoing CVDPREVENT dissemination activities