

Date	Milestone
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>PHASE 1 – Expression of Interest (EOI)</b> Issue EOI via Contracts Finder Notice
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023, at 13:00	Deadline for receipt of EOI
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>PHASE 2 - Capability Assessments</b> Authority will issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Requirements (Section 1)</li> <li>• Guidance and Scoring Criteria (Section 2)</li> <li>• Capability Assessment (Section 3)</li> <li>• Draft Agreement (Section 4)</li> </ul>
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Clarification questions open
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023, at 10:00	Clarification questions close
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023, at 10:00	Deadline for receipt of Capability Assessments
22 <sup>nd</sup> May – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Evaluation of Capability Assessments responses
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Shortlisted Test House notified
June to late August/early September 2023	<b>PHASE 3 – Initial Test Assessment</b> Home Office Technical Partner provides test materials to shortlisted Test Houses for initial assessments. Test House conducts testing to appropriate standard and provide results to Home Office Technical Partner
Early September 2023	Test House notified whether they will be moving to PHASE 4
September - December 2023	<b>PHASE 4 - On-site Assessment</b> Home Office Technical Partner conduct Test House facility assessments/visits
September - December 2023	Notification of successful Test House
December 2023	Feedback issued to unsuccessful Test Houses
September 2023 - January 2024	<b>PHASE 5 - Agreements</b> Agreements drafted and signed (Test House Accreditation)

Note: The Authority reserves the right to change or amend the above timetable.

Test Houses will be assessed by the Home Office Technical Partner and the order of assessment will be entirely at the discretion of the Home Office Technical Partner. In addition, it should be noted that the Home Office Technical Partner may choose to run PHASES 3 and 4 concurrently and in doing so will be entirely at the discretion of the Home Office Technical Partner.