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G-Cloud 14 Call-Off Contract

This Call-Off Contract for the G-Cloud 14 Framework Agreement (RM1557.14) includes:

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Part A: Order Form

Buyers must use this template order form as the basis for all Call-Off Contracts and must refrain from accepting a Supplier's prepopulated version unless it has been carefully checked against template drafting.

Platform service ID number	379227080798858
Call-Off Contract reference	STA 0340 Jaggaer Ref – Con_27974

Call-Off Contract title	Fees and Expenses Payment Service (Staffology Payroll)
Call-Off Contract description	Provision of standalone Real-time Information (RTI) system to support processing of fees and expenses, compliant with HMRC legislation.
Start date	16 July 2025 (Signature Date) Effective Date – 1 st October 2025
Expiry date	30 th September 2027
Call-Off Contract value	Year 1 – FY25/26 – £20,100 (inc. £2,500 implementation costs) +VAT Year 2 – FY26/27 - £17,600 +VAT Year 3 (Extension) - £17,600 +VAT Total - £ 55,300

Charging method	<p>The Supplier shall issue electronic invoices monthly in arrears. The</p> <p>Customer shall pay the Supplier within thirty (30) calendar days of</p> <p>receipt of a valid invoice, submitted in accordance with the provisions of</p> <p>this Agreement</p>
Purchase order number	TBC

This Order Form is issued under the G-Cloud 14 Framework Agreement (RM1557.14).

Buyers can use this Order Form to specify their G-Cloud service requirements when placing an Order.

The Order Form cannot be used to alter existing terms or add any extra terms that materially change the Services offered by the Supplier and defined in the Application.

There are terms in the Call-Off Contract that may be defined in the Order Form. These are identified in the contract with square brackets.

From the Buyer	Department For Education Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street, London SW1- 3BT Standards and Testing Agency Ground Floor, South Building Cheylesmore House 5 Quinton Road Coventry CV1 2WT
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To the Supplier	IRIS SOFTWARE LIMITED Phone number : 0344 815 5555 4th Floor Heathrow Approach, 470 London Road, Slough, England, SL3 8QY Company number 06295385
Together the 'Parties'	

Principal contact details

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For the Supplier:

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Email: [Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted]

Call-Off Contract term


Start date	This Call-Off Contract Starts on 14 July 2025 with the Effective 1 October 2025 and is valid for 24 months
Ending (termination)	<p>The notice period for the Supplier needed for Ending the Call-Off Contract is at least 90 Working Days from the date of written notice for undisputed sums (as per clause 18.6).</p> <p>The notice period for the Buyer is a maximum of 90days from the date of written notice for Ending without cause (as per clause 18.1).</p>
Extension period	<p>This Call-Off Contract can be extended by the Buyer for two (2) periods of up to 12 months, by giving the Supplier 1 month notice written notice before its expiry. The extension period is subject to clauses 1.3 and 1.4 in Part B below.</p> <p>Note: Extensions which extend the Term beyond 36 months are only permitted if the Supplier complies with the additional exit plan requirements at clauses 21.3 to 21.8.</p>

Buyer contractual details

This Order is for the G-Cloud Services outlined below. It is acknowledged by the Parties that the volume of the G-Cloud Services used by the Buyer may vary during this Call-Off Contract.

G-Cloud Lot	<p>This Call-Off Contract is for the provision of Services Under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lot 2: Cloud software
G-Cloud Services required	<p>The Services to be provided by the Supplier under the above Lot are listed in Framework Schedule 4 and outlined below:</p> <p>The DfE requires a service for the payment of fees and expenses to Independent Education Experts (IEE's) who work on behalf of the Standards and Testing Agency (STA). The payment system used must apply PAYE/NIC in the normal way and be compliant in all respects with HMRC legislation and the ensuing employer's obligations. This includes on-line reporting to HMRC under the RTI regulations and completion of all related documentation at the end of each fiscal year.</p> <p>The Buyer's Service Requirements are detailed in Annex A</p>

Additional Services	Any additional services as listed in the Suppliers Service Description. Any additional services required will be included by way of formal Variation and Request for Quote from the supplier.
Location	The Services will be delivered online
Quality and Technical Standards	<p>The Supplier shall adhere to relevant standards and methodologies which shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO9001: Quality Management System • ISO/IEC 27001: Information Management Security System • BS 25999 or ISO 23301: Business Continuity Standard • ISO/IEC 24762: IT Disaster Recovery • HMG Security Policy Framework (SPF) • ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) • MoR (Management of Risk) <p>The Supplier shall ensure that its solution for the delivery of the service meets the DfE's information standards and is flexible enough to support new and updated standards, as notified by the DfE, as and when they are published.</p>

	<p>The Supplier shall ensure that their systems follow the principles of data management – ensuring that master copies are held and accessible in emergency</p> <p>The Supplier shall ensure that any data that is presented for transfer, between the Supplier and DfE, is in a format agreed by DfE and shall ensure that all data feeds are technically compliant with:</p> <p>Common basic data set (CBDS): database - GOV.UK</p> <p>The Supplier shall provide DfE and/or its nominated representative(s) access to the Application.</p>
Service level agreement:	<p>The service level and availability criteria required for this Call-Off Contract are</p> <p>As detailed in the embedded document:</p> <div data-bbox="627 932 763 1011">  <p>RIS Payroll Services - Payroll Solution Descri</p> </div>
Onboarding	<p>The supplier shall assume that any personnel on boarded meets the requirements of the Buyers Baseline Security Policy. The Supplier agrees to replace any of its own capability with replacement personnel at its own cost</p>

Offboarding	The off-boarding plan for this Call-Off Contract shall be agreed between the parties through the final PO issued through this contract and will form the agreed exit plan. The final milestone payment shall be made once the offboarding plan has been executed to the Client's satisfaction
Collaboration agreement	Not Applicable

<p>Limit on Parties' liability</p>	<p>Defaults by either party resulting in direct loss or damage to the property (including technical infrastructure, assets or equipment but excluding any loss or damage to Buyer Data) of the other Party will not exceed £1,000,000 per year.</p> <p>The annual total liability of the Supplier for Buyer Data Defaults resulting in direct loss, destruction, corruption, degradation of or damage to any Buyer Data will not exceed £ 250,000 or 125% of the Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier during the Call-Off Contract Term (whichever is the greater).</p> <p>The annual total liability of the Supplier for all other Defaults will not exceed the greater of £250,000 or 125% of the Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier during the Call-Off Contract Term (whichever is the greater).</p>
<p>Buyer's responsibilities</p>	<p>The Buyer responsibilities are as outlined throughout this Order Form</p>

Buyer's equipment	Not Applicable - no equipment will be provided by the Buyer
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Supplier's information

Subcontractors or partners	The supplier does not use any subcontractors or Partners.
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Call-Off Contract charges and payment

The Call-Off Contract charges and payment details are in the table below. See Schedule 2 for a full breakdown.

Payment method	Charges payable by the Customer (including any applicable discount but excluding VAT), payment profile and method of payment (e.g. Government Procurement Card (GPC) or BACS
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Payment profile	Charges, payment profile and invoicing arrangements are shown in Schedule 2
Invoice details	<p>The Supplier will submit e-invoices as follows:</p> <p>Payroll – 30 days post payroll run after invoice – this will be billed monthly</p> <p>Software – 30 days post contract signature annually in advance</p> <p>Implementation of Software - 30 days from signed contract</p>
Who and where to send invoices to	<p>Named individual from Buyer to review invoices and receipt goods: – [REDACTED]</p> <p>Once the Buyer has confirmed back to the Supplier the receipt of goods, electronic invoices must be sent as PDFs by the [REDACTED]</p>

Invoice information required	<p>All invoices must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reference to the PO (TBA) • The correct sum in £ sterling • The correct terms of services/goods supplied • A unique invoice number • A valid purchase order number including the pre-fix: STA-PO • Correct supplier details, date, and contact detail
Invoice frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoices will be sent to the Buyer as follows: <p>Payroll – 30 days post payroll run after invoice – this will be billed monthly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software – 30 days post go-live date • Implementation of Software - 30 days from signed contract
Call-Off Contract value	<p>The total value of this Call-Off Contract is:</p> <p>Year 1 – FY25/26 – £20,100 (inc. £2,500 implementation costs) +VAT</p> <p>Year 2 – FY26/27 - £17,600 +VAT</p> <p>Year 3 (Extension) - £17,600 +VAT</p> <p>Total - £56,605</p>

Call-Off Contract charges	<p><u>The breakdown of the Charges for deliverables defined during the Contract term is as the clarified commercial response of Supplier during the Supplier Selection procedure:</u></p> <p><u>Staffology HR</u> £12,000 per annum for up to 250 records. Set-up: £1,300</p> <p><u>Managed Payroll</u> £4.00 x 25 payments per week (min charge) = £100 per week. Setup fee: £800 Parallel run: £400 Year-end processing: £400 £35 per annum AML Check</p> <p><u>Summary</u> Annual charge: £17,600 Total Set-up: £2,100 Parallel Run: £400 £35 per annum per AML Check (not added)</p> <p>Standard Payment Terms: Payroll – 30 days post payroll run after invoice – this will be billed monthly</p>

	<p>Software – 30 days post contract signature annually in advance</p> <p>Implementation of Software - 30 days from signed contract</p>
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Additional Buyer terms

<p>Performance of the Service</p>	<p>This Call-Off Contract will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation/ Mobilisation Plan with relevant Milestones (inc. dates for completion) – as detailed in Annex A • Exit and Off boarding Plans and Milestones <p>All Suppliers staff with access to DfE data or network will make themselves familiar with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HMG security policy framework
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Security Standards as detailed in Annex C • Government security - GOV.UK
Guarantee	Not Applicable
Warranties, representations	Not Applicable
Supplemental requirements in addition to the Call-Off terms	In accordance with Call-Off Contract clauses, the Supplier must agree to unqualified acceptance of the Buyers Special Clauses as these will apply to the G-Cloud Call-Off Contract terms – as set out in the DfE Special Clauses document (Departmental Security Standards) – Annex C

Alternative clauses	Not Applicable
Buyer specific amendments to/refinements of the Call-Off Contract terms	<p>As in Annex C The Buyer Supplemental Security clauses shall form part of this Call-Off Contract. In the event of conflict, the order of precedence shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G-Cloud 14 Framework Agreement • G-Cloud 14 Order Form • G-Cloud 14 Call-Off Contract • Buyer Supplemental Security clauses • Supplier Terms and Condition
Personal Data and Data Subjects	The supplier shall adhere to the standard G-Cloud 14 framework terms and conditions stipulated in Schedule 7 of this contract
Intellectual Property	As defined in Part B – Terms and Conditions - Clause 11 (Intellectual Property Rights)

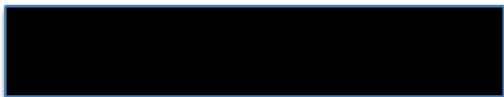
Social Value	IRIS give our employees three 'Giving Back' days a year on top of their annual holiday entitlement to support local community, national charitable causes and Schools.
Performance Indicators	Data supplied by the Supplier in relation to Performance Indicators is deemed the Intellectual Property of the Buyer and may be published by the Buyer.

1. Formation of contract

- 1.1 By signing and returning this Order Form (Part A), the Supplier agrees to enter into a Call-Off Contract with the Buyer.
- 1.2 The Parties agree that they have read the Order Form (Part A) and the Call-Off Contract terms and by signing below agree to be bound by this Call-Off Contract.
- 1.3 This Call-Off Contract will be formed when the Buyer acknowledges receipt of the signed copy of the Order Form from the Supplier.
- 1.4 In cases of any ambiguity or conflict, the terms and conditions of the Call-Off Contract (Part B) and Order Form (Part A) will supersede those of the Supplier Terms and Conditions as per the order of precedence set out in clauses 8.3 to 8.6 inclusive of the Framework Agreement.

2. Background to the agreement

- 2.1 The Supplier is a provider of G-Cloud Services and agreed to provide the Services under the terms of Framework Agreement number RM1557.14.

Signed	Supplier	Buyer
Name		
Title		
Signature		
Date		

2.2 The Buyer provided an Order Form for Services to the Supplier.

Buyer Benefits

For each Call-Off Contract please complete a buyer benefits record, by following this link:

[G-Cloud 14 Customer Benefit Record](#)

Part B: Terms and conditions

1. Call-Off Contract Start date and length

1.1 The Supplier must start providing the Services on the date specified in the Order Form.

1.2 This Call-Off Contract will expire on the Expiry Date in the Order Form. It will be for up to 36 months from the Start date unless Ended earlier under clause 18 or extended by the Buyer under clause 1.3.

1.3 The Buyer can extend this Call-Off Contract, with written notice to the Supplier, by the period in the Order Form, provided that this is within the maximum permitted under the Framework Agreement of 1 period of up to 12 months.

1.4 The Parties must comply with the requirements under clauses 21.3 to 21.8 if the Buyer reserves the right in the Order Form to set the Term at more than 36 months

2. Incorporation of terms

2.1 The following Framework Agreement clauses (including clauses, schedules and defined terms referenced by them) as modified under clause 2.2 are incorporated as separate Call-Off Contract obligations and apply between the Supplier and the Buyer:

- 2.3 (Warranties and representations)
- 4.1 to 4.6 (Liability)
- 4.10 to 4.11 (IR35)
- 5.4 to 5.6 (Change of control)
- 5.7 (Fraud)
- 5.8 (Notice of fraud)
- 7 (Transparency and Audit)
- 8.3 to 8.6 (Order of precedence)
- 11 (Relationship)

- 14 (Entire agreement)
- 15 (Law and jurisdiction)
- 16 (Legislative change)
- 17 (Bribery and corruption)
- 18 (Freedom of Information Act)
- 19 (Promoting tax compliance)
- 20 (Official Secrets Act)
- 21 (Transfer and subcontracting)
- 23 (Complaints handling and resolution)
- 24 (Conflicts of interest and ethical walls)
- 25 (Publicity and branding)
- 26 (Equality and diversity)
- 28 (Data protection)
- 30 (Insurance)
- 31 (Severability)
- 32 and 33 (Managing disputes and Mediation)
- 34 (Confidentiality)
- 35 (Waiver and cumulative remedies)
- 36 (Corporate Social Responsibility)
- paragraphs 1 to 10 of the Framework Agreement Schedule 3

2.2 The Framework Agreement provisions in clause 2.1 will be modified as follows:

2.2.1 a reference to the 'Framework Agreement' will be a reference to the 'Call-Off Contract'

2.2.2 a reference to 'CCS' or to 'CCS and/or the Buyer' will be a reference to 'the Buyer'

2.2.3 a reference to the 'Parties' and a 'Party' will be a reference to the Buyer and Supplier as Parties under this Call-Off Contract

2.3 The Parties acknowledge that they are required to complete the applicable Annexes contained in Schedule 7 (Processing Data) of the Framework Agreement for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract. The applicable Annexes being reproduced at Schedule 7 of this Call-Off Contract.

2.4 The Framework Agreement incorporated clauses will be referred to as incorporated Framework clause 'XX', where 'XX' is the Framework Agreement clause number.

2.5 When an Order Form is signed, the terms and conditions agreed in it will be incorporated into this Call-Off Contract.

3. Supply of services

3.1 The Supplier agrees to supply the G-Cloud Services and any Additional Services under the terms of the Call-Off Contract and the Supplier's Application.

3.2 The Supplier undertakes that each G-Cloud Service will meet the Buyer's acceptance criteria, as defined in the Order Form

4. Supplier staff

4.1 The Supplier Staff must:

4.1.1 be appropriately experienced, qualified and trained to supply the Services

4.1.2 apply all due skill, care and diligence in faithfully performing those duties

4.1.3 obey all lawful instructions and reasonable directions of the Buyer and provide the Services to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer

4.1.4 respond to any enquiries about the Services as soon as reasonably possible 4.1.5 complete any necessary Supplier Staff vetting as specified by the Buyer

4.2 The Supplier must retain overall control of the Supplier Staff so that they are not considered to be employees, workers, agents or contractors of the Buyer.

4.3 The Supplier may substitute any Supplier Staff as long as they have the equivalent experience and qualifications to the substituted staff member.

4.4 The Buyer may conduct IR35 Assessments using the ESI tool to assess whether the Supplier's engagement under the Call-Off Contract is Inside or Outside IR35.

4.5 The Buyer may End this Call-Off Contract for Material Breach as per clause 18.5 hereunder if the Supplier is delivering the Services Inside IR35.

4.6 The Buyer may need the Supplier to complete an Indicative Test using the ESI tool before the Start date or at any time during the provision of Services to provide a preliminary view of whether the Services are being delivered Inside or Outside IR35. If the Supplier has completed the Indicative Test, it must download and provide a copy of the PDF with the 14 digit ESI reference number from the summary outcome screen and promptly provide a copy to the Buyer.

4.7 If the Indicative Test indicates the delivery of the Services could potentially be Inside IR35, the Supplier must provide the Buyer with all relevant information needed to enable the Buyer to conduct its own IR35 Assessment.

4.8 If it is determined by the Buyer that the Supplier is Outside IR35, the Buyer will provide the ESI reference number and a copy of the PDF to the Supplier.

5. Due diligence

5.1 Both Parties agree that when entering into a Call-Off Contract they:

5.1.1 have made their own enquiries and are satisfied by the accuracy of any information supplied by the other Party

5.1.2 are confident that they can fulfil their obligations according to the Call-Off Contract terms

5.1.3 have raised all due diligence questions before signing the Call-Off Contract

5.1.4 have entered into the Call-Off Contract relying on their own due diligence

6. Business continuity and disaster recovery

- 6.1 The Supplier will have a clear business continuity and disaster recovery plan in their Service Descriptions.
- 6.2 The Supplier's business continuity and disaster recovery services are part of the Services and will be performed by the Supplier when required.
- 6.3 If requested by the Buyer prior to entering into this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier must ensure that its business continuity and disaster recovery plan is consistent with the Buyer's own plans.

7. Payment, VAT and Call-Off Contract charges

- 7.1 The Buyer must pay the Charges following clauses 7.2 to 7.11 for the Supplier's delivery of the Services.
- 7.2 The Buyer will pay the Supplier within the number of days specified in the Order Form on receipt of a valid invoice.
- 7.3 The Call-Off Contract Charges include all Charges for payment processing. All invoices submitted to the Buyer for the Services will be exclusive of any Management Charge.
- 7.4 If specified in the Order Form, the Supplier will accept payment for G-Cloud Services by the Government Procurement Card (GPC). The Supplier will be liable to pay any merchant fee levied for using the GPC and must not recover this charge from the Buyer.
- 7.5 The Supplier must ensure that each invoice contains a detailed breakdown of the G-Cloud Services supplied. The Buyer may request the Supplier provides further documentation to substantiate the invoice.
- 7.6 If the Supplier enters into a Subcontract it must ensure that a provision is included in each Subcontract which specifies that payment must be made to the Subcontractor within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.
- 7.7 All Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier will include VAT at the appropriate Rate.
- 7.8 The Supplier must add VAT to the Charges at the appropriate rate with visibility of the amount as a separate line item.
- 7.9 The Supplier will indemnify the Buyer on demand against any liability arising from the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any VAT on payments made to the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract. The Supplier must pay all sums to the Buyer at least 5 Working Days before the date on which the tax or other liability is payable by the Buyer.

7.10 The Supplier must not suspend the supply of the G-Cloud Services unless the Supplier is entitled to End this Call-Off Contract under clause 18.6 for Buyer's failure to pay undisputed sums of money. Interest will be payable by the Buyer on the late payment of any undisputed sums of money properly invoiced under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

7.11 If there's an invoice dispute, the Buyer must pay the undisputed portion of the amount and return the invoice within 10 Working Days of the invoice date. The Buyer will provide a covering statement with proposed amendments and the reason for any non-payment. The Supplier must notify the Buyer within 10 Working Days of receipt of the returned invoice if it accepts the amendments. If it does then the Supplier must provide a replacement valid invoice with the response.

7.12 Due to the nature of G-Cloud Services it isn't possible in a static Order Form to exactly define the consumption of services over the duration of the Call-Off Contract. The Supplier agrees that the Buyer's volumes indicated in the Order Form are indicative only.

8. Recovery of sums due and right of set-off

8.1 If a Supplier owes money to the Buyer, the Buyer may deduct that sum from the Call-Off Contract Charges.

9. Insurance

9.1 The Supplier will maintain the insurances required by the Buyer including those in this clause.

9.2 The Supplier will ensure that:

9.2.1 during this Call-Off Contract, Subcontractors hold third party public and products liability insurance of the same amounts that the Supplier would be legally liable to pay as damages, including the claimant's costs and expenses, for accidental death or bodily injury and loss of or damage to Property, to a minimum of £1,000,000

9.2.2 the third-party public and products liability insurance contains an 'indemnity to principals' clause for the Buyer's benefit

9.2.3 all agents and professional consultants involved in the Services hold professional indemnity insurance to a minimum indemnity of £1,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the End or Expiry Date

9.2.4 all agents and professional consultants involved in the Services hold employers liability insurance (except where exempt under Law) to a minimum indemnity of £5,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the End or Expiry Date

9.3 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier will obtain additional insurance policies, or extend existing policies bought under the Framework Agreement.

9.4 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier will provide the following to show compliance with this clause:

9.4.1 a broker's verification of insurance

9.4.2 receipts for the insurance premium

9.4.3 evidence of payment of the latest premiums due

9.5 Insurance will not relieve the Supplier of any liabilities under the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract and the Supplier will:

9.5.1 take all risk control measures using Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of claims to insurers

9.5.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances

9.5.3 hold all insurance policies and require any broker arranging the insurance to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of insurance

10. Confidentiality

10.1 The Supplier must during and after the Term keep the Buyer fully indemnified against all Losses, damages, costs or expenses and other liabilities (including legal fees) arising from any breach of the Supplier's obligations under incorporated Framework Agreement clause 34. The indemnity doesn't apply to the extent that the Supplier breach is due to a Buyer's instruction.

11. Intellectual Property Rights

11.1 Save for the licences expressly granted pursuant to Clauses 11.3 and 11.4, neither Party shall acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights ("IPR"s) (whether pre-existing or created during the Call-Off Contract Term) of the other Party or its licensors unless stated otherwise in the Order Form.

11.2 Neither Party shall have any right to use any of the other Party's names, logos or trademarks on any of its products or services without the other Party's prior written consent.

11.3 The Buyer grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Call-Off Contract Term to use the Buyer's or its relevant licensor's Buyer Data and related IPR solely to the extent necessary for providing the Services in accordance with this Contract, including the right to grant sub-licences to Subcontractors provided that:

11.3.1 any relevant Subcontractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on substantially the same terms as set out in Framework Agreement clause 34 (Confidentiality); and

11.3.2 The Supplier shall not and shall procure that any relevant Sub-Contractor shall not, without the Buyer's written consent, use the licensed materials for any other purpose or for the benefit of any person other than the Buyer.

11.4 The Supplier grants to the Buyer the licence taken from its Supplier Terms which licence shall, as a minimum, grant the Buyer a non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Call-Off Contract Term to use the Supplier's or its relevant licensor's IPR solely to the extent necessary to access and use the Services in accordance with this Call-Off Contract.

11.5 Subject to the limitation in Clause 24.3, the Buyer shall:

11.5.1 defend the Supplier, its Affiliates and licensors from and against any third-party claim:

- (a) alleging that any use of the Services by or on behalf of the Buyer and/or Buyer Users is in breach of applicable Law;
- (b) alleging that the Buyer Data violates, infringes or misappropriates any rights of a third party;
- (c) arising from the Supplier's use of the Buyer Data in accordance with this Call-Off Contract; and

11.5.2 in addition to defending in accordance with Clause 11.5.1, the Buyer will pay the amount of Losses awarded in final judgement against the Supplier or the amount of any settlement agreed by the Buyer, provided that the Buyer's obligations under this Clause 11.5 shall not apply where and to the extent such Losses or third-party claim is caused by the Supplier's breach of this Contract.

11.6 The Supplier will, on written demand, fully indemnify the Buyer for all Losses which it may incur at any time from any claim of infringement or alleged infringement of a third party's IPRs because of the:

11.6.1 rights granted to the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract

11.6.2 Supplier's performance of the Services

11.6.3 use by the Buyer of the Services

11.7 If an IPR Claim is made, or is likely to be made, the Supplier will immediately notify the Buyer in writing and must at its own expense after written approval from the Buyer, either:

11.7.1 modify the relevant part of the Services without reducing its functionality or performance

11.7.2 substitute Services of equivalent functionality and performance, to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, as long as there is no additional cost or burden to the Buyer

11.7.3 buy a licence to use and supply the Services which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms acceptable to the Buyer

11.8 Clause 11.6 will not apply if the IPR Claim is from:

11.8.1 the use of data supplied by the Buyer which the Supplier isn't required to verify under this Call-Off Contract

11.8.2 other material provided by the Buyer necessary for the Services

11.9 If the Supplier does not comply with this clause 11, the Buyer may End this Call-Off Contract for Material Breach. The Supplier will, on demand, refund the Buyer all the money paid for the affected Services.

12. Protection of information

12.1 The Supplier must:

12.1.1 comply with the Buyer's written instructions and this Call-Off Contract when Processing Buyer Personal Data

12.1.2 only Process the Buyer Personal Data as necessary for the provision of the G-Cloud Services or as required by Law or any Regulatory Body

12.1.3 take reasonable steps to ensure that any Supplier Staff who have access to Buyer Personal Data act in compliance with Supplier's security processes

12.2 The Supplier must fully assist with any complaint or request for Buyer Personal Data including by:

12.2.1 providing the Buyer with full details of the complaint or request

12.2.2 complying with a data access request within the timescales in the Data Protection Legislation and following the Buyer's instructions

12.2.3 providing the Buyer with any Buyer Personal Data it holds about a Data Subject (within the timescales required by the Buyer)

12.2.4 providing the Buyer with any information requested by the Data Subject

12.3 The Supplier must get prior written consent from the Buyer to transfer Buyer Personal Data to any other person (including any Subcontractors) for the provision of the G-Cloud Services.

13. Buyer data

13.1 The Supplier must not remove any proprietary notices in the Buyer Data.

13.2 The Supplier will not store or use Buyer Data except if necessary to fulfil its obligations.

13.3 If Buyer Data is processed by the Supplier, the Supplier will supply the data to the Buyer as requested.

13.4 The Supplier must ensure that any Supplier system that holds any Buyer Data is a secure system that complies with the Supplier's and Buyer's security policies and all Buyer requirements in the Order Form.

13.5 The Supplier will preserve the integrity of Buyer Data processed by the Supplier and prevent its corruption and loss.

13.6 The Supplier will ensure that any Supplier system which holds any protectively marked Buyer Data or other government data will comply with:

13.6.1 the principles in the Security Policy Framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework> and the Government Security - Classification policy:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

13.6.2 guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure on Risk Management:

<https://www.npsa.gov.uk/content/adopt-risk-management-approach> and Protection of Sensitive Information and Assets:
<https://www.npsa.gov.uk/sensitive-information-assets>

13.6.3 the National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) information risk management guidance: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/risk-management-collection>

13.6.4 government best practice in the design and implementation of system components, including network principles, security design principles for digital services and the secure email blueprint: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technologycode-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice>

13.6.5 the security requirements of cloud services using the NCSC Cloud Security Principles and accompanying guidance: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/implementing-cloud-security-principles>

13.6.6 Buyer requirements in respect of AI ethical standards.

13.7 The Buyer will specify any security requirements for this project in the Order Form.

13.8 If the Supplier suspects that the Buyer Data has or may become corrupted, lost, breached or significantly degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier will notify the Buyer immediately and will (at its own cost if corruption, loss, breach or degradation of the Buyer Data was caused by the action or omission of the Supplier) comply with any remedial action reasonably proposed by the Buyer.

13.9 The Supplier agrees to use the appropriate organisational, operational and technological processes to keep the Buyer Data safe from unauthorised use or access, loss, destruction, theft or disclosure.

13.10 The provisions of this clause 13 will apply during the term of this Call-Off Contract and for as long as the Supplier holds the Buyer's Data.

14. Standards and quality

14.1 The Supplier will comply with any standards in this Call-Off Contract, the Order Form and the Framework Agreement.

14.2 The Supplier will deliver the Services in a way that enables the Buyer to comply with its obligations under the Technology Code of Practice, which is at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technologycode-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice>

14.3 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier must, at its own cost, ensure that the G-Cloud Services comply with the requirements in the PSN Code of Practice.

14.4 If any PSN Services are Subcontracted by the Supplier, the Supplier must ensure that the services have the relevant PSN compliance certification.

14.5 The Supplier must immediately disconnect its G-Cloud Services from the PSN if the PSN Authority considers there is a risk to the PSN's security and the Supplier agrees that the Buyer and the PSN Authority will not be liable for any actions, damages, costs, and any other Supplier liabilities which may arise.

15. Open source

15.1 All software created for the Buyer must be suitable for publication as open source, unless otherwise agreed by the Buyer.

15.2 If software needs to be converted before publication as open source, the Supplier must also provide the converted format unless otherwise agreed by the Buyer.

16. Security

16.1 If requested to do so by the Buyer, before entering into this Call-Off Contract the Supplier will, within 15 Working Days of the date of this Call-Off Contract, develop (and obtain the Buyer's written approval of) a Security Management Plan and an Information Security Management System. After Buyer approval the Security Management Plan and Information Security Management System will apply during the Term of this Call-Off Contract. Both plans will comply with the Buyer's security policy and protect all aspects and processes associated with the delivery of the Services.

16.2 The Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours, software and the most up-to-date antivirus definitions available from an industry-accepted antivirus software seller to minimise the impact of Malicious Software.

16.3 If Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Service Data, the Supplier will help the Buyer to mitigate any losses and restore the Services to operating efficiency as soon as possible.

16.4 Responsibility for costs will be at the:

16.4.1 Supplier's expense if the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier software or the Service Data while the Service Data was under the control of the Supplier, unless the Supplier can demonstrate that it was already present, not quarantined or identified by the Buyer when provided

16.4.2 Buyer's expense if the Malicious Software originates from the Buyer software or the Service Data, while the Service Data was under the Buyer's control

16.5 The Supplier will immediately notify the Buyer of any breach of security of Buyer's Confidential Information. Where the breach occurred because of a Supplier Default, the Supplier will recover the Buyer's Confidential Information however it may be recorded.

16.6 Any system development by the Supplier should also comply with the government's '10 Steps to Cyber Security' guidance:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/10-steps-cyber-security>

16.7 If a Buyer has requested in the Order Form that the Supplier has a Cyber Essentials certificate, the Supplier must provide the Buyer with a valid Cyber Essentials certificate (or equivalent) required for the Services before the Start date.

17. Guarantee

17.1 If this Call-Off Contract is conditional on receipt of a Guarantee that is acceptable to the Buyer, the Supplier must give the Buyer on or before the Start date:

17.1.1 an executed Guarantee in the form at Schedule 5

17.1.2 a certified copy of the passed resolution or board minutes of the guarantor approving the execution of the Guarantee

18. Ending the Call-Off Contract

18.1 The Buyer can End this Call-Off Contract at any time by giving 30 days' written notice to the Supplier, unless a shorter period is specified in the Order Form. The Supplier's obligation to provide the Services will end on the date in the notice.

18.2 The Parties agree that the:

18.2.1 Buyer's right to End the Call-Off Contract under clause 18.1 is reasonable considering the type of cloud Service being provided

18.2.2 Call-Off Contract Charges paid during the notice period are reasonable compensation and cover all the Supplier's avoidable costs or Losses

18.3 Subject to clause 24 (Liability), if the Buyer Ends this Call-Off Contract under clause 18.1, it will indemnify the Supplier against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which result in any unavoidable Loss by the Supplier, provided that the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to mitigate the Loss. If the Supplier has insurance, the Supplier will reduce its unavoidable costs by any insurance sums available. The Supplier will submit a fully itemised and costed list of the unavoidable Loss with supporting evidence.

18.4 The Buyer will have the right to End this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier if either the Supplier commits:

18.4.1 a Supplier Default and if the Supplier Default cannot, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, be remedied

18.4.2 any fraud

18.5 A Party can End this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice if:

18.5.1 the other Party commits a Material Breach of any term of this Call-Off Contract (other than failure to pay any amounts due) and, if that breach is remediable, fails to remedy it within 15 Working Days of being notified in writing to do so

18.5.2 an Insolvency Event of the other Party happens

18.5.3 the other Party ceases or threatens to cease to carry on the whole or any material part of its business

18.6 If the Buyer fails to pay the Supplier undisputed sums of money when due, the Supplier must notify the Buyer and allow the Buyer 5 Working Days to pay. If the Buyer doesn't pay within 5 Working Days, the Supplier may End this Call-Off Contract by giving the length of notice in the Order Form.

18.7 A Party who isn't relying on a Force Majeure event will have the right to End this Call-Off Contract if clause 23.1 applies.

19. Consequences of suspension, ending and expiry

19.1 If a Buyer has the right to End a Call-Off Contract, it may elect to suspend this Call-Off Contract or any part of it.

19.2 Even if a notice has been served to End this Call-Off Contract or any part of it, the Supplier must continue to provide the ordered G-Cloud Services until the dates set out in the notice.

19.3 The rights and obligations of the Parties will cease on the Expiry Date or End Date whichever applies) of this Call-Off Contract, except those continuing provisions described in clause 19.4.

19.4 Ending or expiry of this Call-Off Contract will not affect:

19.4.1 any rights, remedies or obligations accrued before its Ending or expiration

19.4.2 the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at the time of Ending or expiry

- 19.4.3 the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Buyer or the Supplier under clauses
- 7 (Payment, VAT and Call-Off Contract charges)
- 8 (Recovery of sums due and right of set-off)
- 9 (Insurance)
- 10 (Confidentiality)
- 11 (Intellectual property rights)
- 12 (Protection of information)
- 13 (Buyer data)
- 19 (Consequences of suspension, ending and expiry)
- 24 (Liability); and incorporated Framework Agreement clauses: 4.1 to 4.6, (Liability),
- 24 (Conflicts of interest and ethical walls), 35 (Waiver and cumulative remedies)

19.4.4 Any other provision of the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract which expressly or by implication is in force even if it Ends or expires.

19.5 At the end of the Call-Off Contract Term, the Supplier must promptly:

19.5.1 return all Buyer Data including all copies of Buyer software, code and any other software licensed by the Buyer to the Supplier under it

19.5.2 return any materials created by the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract if the IPRs are owned by the Buyer

19.5.3 stop using the Buyer Data and, at the direction of the Buyer, provide the Buyer with a complete and uncorrupted version in electronic form in the formats and on media agreed with the Buyer

19.5.4 destroy all copies of the Buyer Data when they receive the Buyer's written instructions to do so or 12 calendar months after the End or Expiry Date, and provide written confirmation to the Buyer that the data has been securely destroyed, except if the retention of Buyer Data is required by Law

19.5.5 work with the Buyer on any ongoing work

19.5.6 return any sums prepaid for Services which have not been delivered to the Buyer, within 10 Working Days of the End or Expiry Date

19.6 Each Party will return all of the other Party's Confidential Information and confirm this has been done, unless there is a legal requirement to keep it or this Call-Off Contract states otherwise.

19.7 All licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier will cease at the end of the Call-Off Contract Term without the need for the Buyer to serve notice except if this Call-Off Contract states otherwise.

20. Notices

20.1 Any notices sent must be in writing. For the purpose of this clause, an email is accepted as being 'in writing'.

- Manner of delivery: email
- Deemed time of delivery: 9am on the first Working Day after sending
- Proof of service: Sent in an emailed letter in PDF format to the correct email address without any error message

20.2 This clause does not apply to any legal action or other method of dispute resolution which should be sent to the addresses in the Order Form (other than a dispute notice under this Call-Off Contract).

21. Exit plan

21.1 The Supplier must provide an exit plan in its Application which ensures continuity of service and the Supplier will follow it.

21.2 When requested, the Supplier will help the Buyer to migrate the Services to a replacement supplier in line with the exit plan. This will be at the Supplier's own expense if the Call-Off Contract Ended before the Expiry Date due to Supplier cause.

21.3 If the Buyer has reserved the right in the Order Form to extend the Call-Off Contract Term beyond 36 months the Supplier must provide the Buyer with an additional exit plan for approval by the Buyer at least 8 weeks before the 30 month anniversary of the Start date.

21.4 The Supplier must ensure that the additional exit plan clearly sets out the Supplier's methodology for achieving an orderly transition of the Services from the Supplier to the Buyer or its replacement Supplier at the expiry of the proposed extension period or if the contract Ends during that period.

21.5 Before submitting the additional exit plan to the Buyer for approval, the Supplier will work with the Buyer to ensure that the additional exit plan is aligned with the Buyer's own exit plan and strategy.

21.6 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer's right to take the Term beyond 36 months is subject to the Buyer's own governance process. Where the Buyer is a central government department, this includes the need to obtain approval from CDDO under the Spend Controls process. The approval to extend will only be given if the Buyer can clearly demonstrate that the Supplier's additional exit plan ensures that:

21.6.1 the Buyer will be able to transfer the Services to a replacement supplier before the expiry or Ending of the period on terms that are commercially reasonable and acceptable to the Buyer

21.6.2 there will be no adverse impact on service continuity

21.6.3 there is no vendor lock-in to the Supplier's Service at exit

21.6.4 it enables the Buyer to meet its obligations under the Technology Code of Practice

21.7 If approval is obtained by the Buyer to extend the Term, then the Supplier will comply with its obligations in the additional exit plan.

21.8 The additional exit plan must set out full details of timescales, activities and roles and responsibilities of the Parties for:

21.8.1 the transfer to the Buyer of any technical information, instructions, manuals and code reasonably required by the Buyer to enable a smooth migration from the Supplier

21.8.2 the strategy for exportation and migration of Buyer Data from the Supplier system to the Buyer or a replacement supplier, including conversion to open standards or other standards required by the Buyer

21.8.3 the transfer of Project Specific IPR items and other Buyer customisations, configurations and databases to the Buyer or a replacement supplier

21.8.4 the testing and assurance strategy for exported Buyer Data

21.8.5 if relevant, TUPE-related activity to comply with the TUPE regulations

21.8.6 any other activities and information which is reasonably required to ensure continuity of Service during the exit period and an orderly transition

22. Handover to replacement supplier

22.1 At least 10 Working Days before the Expiry Date or End Date, the Supplier must provide any:

22.1.1 data (including Buyer Data), Buyer Personal Data and Buyer Confidential Information in the Supplier's possession, power or control

22.1.2 other information reasonably requested by the Buyer

22.2 On reasonable notice at any point during the Term, the Supplier will provide any information and data about the G-Cloud Services reasonably requested by the Buyer (including information on volumes, usage, technical aspects, service performance and staffing). This will help the Buyer understand how the Services have been provided and to run a fair competition for a new supplier.

22.3 This information must be accurate and complete in all material respects and the level of detail must be sufficient to reasonably enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for replacement services and not be unfairly disadvantaged compared to the Supplier in the buying process.

23. Force majeure

23.1 Neither Party will be liable to the other Party for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, its obligations under this Call-Off Contract (other than a payment of money) to the extent that such delay or failure is a result of a Force Majeure event.

23.2 A Party will promptly (on becoming aware of the same) notify the other Party of a Force Majeure event or potential Force Majeure event which could affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.

23.3 Each Party will use all reasonable endeavours to continue to perform its obligations under the Call-Off Contract and to mitigate the effects of Force Majeure. If a Force Majeure event prevents a Party from performing its obligations under the Call-Off Contract for more than 30 consecutive Working Days, the other Party can End the Call-Off Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

24. Liability

24.1 Subject to incorporated Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, each Party's Yearly total liability for Defaults under or in connection with this Call-Off Contract shall not exceed the greater of five hundred thousand pounds (£500,000) or one hundred and twenty-five per cent (125%) of the Charges paid and/or committed to be paid in that Year (or such greater sum (if any) as may be specified in the Order Form).

24.2 Notwithstanding Clause 24.1 but subject to Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, the Supplier's liability:

24.2.1 pursuant to the indemnities in Clauses 7, 10, 11 and 29 shall be unlimited; and

24.2.2 in respect of Losses arising from breach of the Data Protection Legislation shall be as set out in Framework Agreement clause 28.

24.3 Notwithstanding Clause 24.1 but subject to Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, the Buyer's liability pursuant to Clause 11.5.2 shall in no event exceed in aggregate five million pounds (£5,000,000).

24.4 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 24.1 any items specified in Clause 24.2 will not be taken into consideration.

25. Premises

25.1 If either Party uses the other Party's premises, that Party is liable for all loss or damage it causes to the premises. It is responsible for repairing any damage to the premises or any objects on the premises, other than fair wear and tear.

25.2 The Supplier will use the Buyer's premises solely for the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.

25.3 The Supplier will vacate the Buyer's premises when the Call-Off Contract Ends or expires.

25.4 This clause does not create a tenancy or exclusive right of occupation.

25.5 While on the Buyer's premises, the Supplier will:

25.5.1 comply with any security requirements at the premises and not do anything to weaken the security of the premises

25.5.2 comply with Buyer requirements for the conduct of personnel

25.5.3 comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Buyer

25.5.4 immediately notify the Buyer of any incident on the premises that causes any damage to Property which could cause personal injury

25.6 The Supplier will ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974) is made available to the Buyer on request.

26. Equipment

26.1 The Supplier is responsible for providing any Equipment which the Supplier requires to provide the Services.

26.2 Any Equipment brought onto the premises will be at the Supplier's own risk and the Buyer will have no liability for any loss of, or damage to, any Equipment.

26.3 When the Call-Off Contract Ends or expires, the Supplier will remove the Equipment and any other materials leaving the premises in a safe and clean condition.

27. The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

27.1 Except as specified in clause 29.8, a person who is not a Party to this Call-Off Contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms. This does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise.

28. Environmental requirements

28.1 The Buyer will provide a copy of its environmental policy to the Supplier on request, which the Supplier will comply with.

28.2 The Supplier must provide reasonable support to enable Buyers to work in an environmentally friendly way, for example by helping them recycle or lower their carbon footprint.

29. The Employment Regulations (TUPE)

29.1 The Supplier agrees that if the Employment Regulations apply to this Call-Off Contract on the Start date then it must comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations and (if applicable) New Fair Deal (including entering into an Admission Agreement) and will indemnify the Buyer or any Former Supplier for any loss arising from any failure to comply.

29.2 Twelve months before this Call-Off Contract expires, or after the Buyer has given notice to end it, and within 28 days of the Buyer's request, the Supplier will fully and accurately disclose to the Buyer all staff information including, but not limited to, the total number of staff assigned for the purposes of TUPE to the Services. For each person identified the Supplier must provide details of:

29.2.1 the activities they perform

29.2.2 age

29.2.3 start date

29.2.4 place of work

29.2.5 notice period

29.2.6 redundancy payment entitlement

29.2.7 salary, benefits and pension entitlements

29.2.8 employment status

29.2.9 identity of employer

29.2.10 working arrangements

29.2.11 outstanding liabilities

29.2.12 sickness absence

29.2.13 copies of all relevant employment contracts and related documents

29.2.14 all information required under regulation 11 of TUPE or as reasonably requested by the Buyer.

29.3 The Supplier warrants the accuracy of the information provided under this TUPE clause and will notify the Buyer of any changes to the amended information as soon as reasonably possible. The Supplier will permit the Buyer to use and disclose the information to any prospective Replacement Supplier.

29.4 In the 12 months before the expiry of this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier will not change the identity and number of staff assigned to the Services (unless reasonably requested by the Buyer) or their terms and conditions, other than in the ordinary course of business.

29.5 The Supplier will cooperate with the re-tendering of this Call-Off Contract by allowing the Replacement Supplier to communicate with and meet the affected employees or their representatives.

29.6 The Supplier will indemnify the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier for all Loss arising from both:

29.6.1 its failure to comply with the provisions of this clause

29.6.2 any claim by any employee or person claiming to be an employee (or their employee representative) of the Supplier which arises or is alleged to arise from any act or omission by the Supplier on or before the date of the Relevant Transfer

29.3 The provisions of this clause apply during the Term of this Call-Off Contract and indefinitely after it Ends or expires.

29.4 For these TUPE clauses, the relevant third party will be able to enforce its rights under this clause but their consent will not be required to vary these clauses as the Buyer and Supplier may agree.

30. Additional G-Cloud services

30.1 The Buyer may require the Supplier to provide Additional Services. The Buyer doesn't have to buy any Additional Services from the Supplier and can buy services that are the same as or similar to the Additional Services from any third party.

30.2 If reasonably requested to do so by the Buyer in the Order Form, the Supplier must provide and monitor performance of the Additional Services using an Implementation Plan.

31. Collaboration

31.1 If the Buyer has specified in the Order Form that it requires the Supplier to enter into a Collaboration Agreement, the Supplier must give the Buyer an executed Collaboration Agreement before the Start date.

31.2 In addition to any obligations under the Collaboration Agreement, the Supplier must:

31.2.1 work proactively and in good faith with each of the Buyer's contractors

31.2.2 co-operate and share information with the Buyer's contractors to enable the efficient operation of the Buyer's ICT services and G-Cloud Services

32. Variation process

32.1 The Buyer can request in writing a change to this Call-Off Contract using the template in Schedule 9 if it isn't a material change to the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract. Once implemented, it is called a Variation.

32.2 The Supplier must notify the Buyer immediately in writing of any proposed changes to their G-Cloud Services or their delivery by submitting a Variation request using the template in Schedule 9. This includes any changes in the Supplier's supply chain.

32.3 If either Party can't agree to or provide the Variation, the Buyer may agree to continue performing its obligations under this Call-Off Contract without the Variation, or End this Call-Off Contract by giving 30 days' notice to the Supplier.

33. Data Protection Legislation (GDPR)

33.1 Pursuant to clause 2.1 and for the avoidance of doubt, clause 28 of the Framework Agreement is incorporated into this Call-Off Contract. For reference, the appropriate UK GDPR templates which are required to be completed in accordance with clause 28 are reproduced in this Call-Off Contract document at Schedule 7.

Schedule 1: Services

The Buyer Requirements shall be as defined under G-Cloud Services required in the Buyer Contractual details Section of the Order Form. In providing the resource to deliver all of the above the supplier shall:

- use its own initiative as to the way services are to be delivered
- not be supervised, directed or controlled regarding how the services are delivered
- use its own equipment where security requirements permit
- be expected to provide the services on such hours/days as required to meet any deadlines, as agreed between the supplier and the buyer
- provide the necessary resources to support the Services which shall include one or more specialists
- link the payment to outputs and deliverables

The buyer is willing to accept substitute personnel with the relevant skills and expertise. The Supplier is responsible for ensuring the achievement of Deliverables is not impacted and as per the Supplier's Service Definition, the Supplier agrees to undertake this as their own expense.

The Supplier Services to be provided under this Call-Off Contract shall be as set out in its G - Cloud 14 Service Offerings:


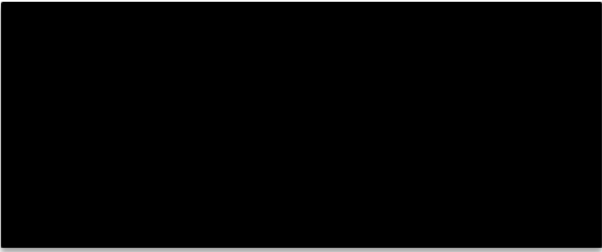

Staffology Payroll by IRIS


Response to the Buyer RFQ during the Supplier Selection procedure also constitute the Supplier's Service Description and Offer

Payroll System – Fees and Expenses - HIGH LEVEL SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Please confirm if your solution can meet our requirements listed in the table below. Use 'comment' to provide additional details.

PR 1	Payment of Fees	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
A payment service for Fees which operates PAYE in the normal way in real time (including issue of P60s) and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pays fees at amounts claimed by individuals & approved by STA 2. Pays the tax and NIC deducted from fees timely to HMRC at intervals as required by the regulations. 3. Conforms to HMRC requirements for RTI reporting, including the use of HMRC recommended and compliant software. 			Y/N	
PR 2	On-line Expense Claims	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment

The service to include the facility for on-line expense claims from individual IEEs (individual educational experts) and include provision for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct submission of claims to the service provider 2. Submission of receipts in support of claims where appropriate 3. Validation of claims compliance with STA expenses policy by the service provider on behalf of STA 4. Authorisation of payment by STA 			Y	Y/N	
PR 3	Remittance Advices	MANDATORY	Confirmed		Comment
Provide remittance advice by email to payees showing for each payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Address • Payroll number • Total amount paid with a breakdown of individual fees and expenses • Tax and NIC deductions • Date paid 			Y	Y/N	
PR 4	Payee Records	MANDATORY	Confirmation		Comment
Provision of payee records which enable, amongst other things, the requirements of RTI reporting to HMRC. Each payee record to contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • NI Number • Payroll number (to be allocated by service provider) • Contact addresses including the post code • Contact email address 			Y	Y/N	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact telephone number (s) • Bank details (a clear control process is required) • Unique Identity Number (to be supplied by STA) • Tax code 				
PR 5	On-line input to Payee Records	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
<p>An on-line facility for IEEs to input and amend their own personal details to the pay record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • NI Number • Contact addresses including the post code • Contact email address • Contact telephone number (s) • Bank details <p>The on-line facility should ensure that payees have completed all relevant details.</p> <p>The facility must include a security measure to ensure that only IEEs appointed by STA are allowed access.</p>			Y Y/N	

HMRC Reporting

HMRC 1	End of Year Reporting	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
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Service to provide:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service provider should carry out a full reconciliation which should be agreed with HMRC and complete any tax returns outstanding 2. Service provider should compile and distribute any individual tax returns as required by the RTI PAYE system 3. A summary report on all HMRC transactions and reconciliations should be provided to STA 	Y	Y/N

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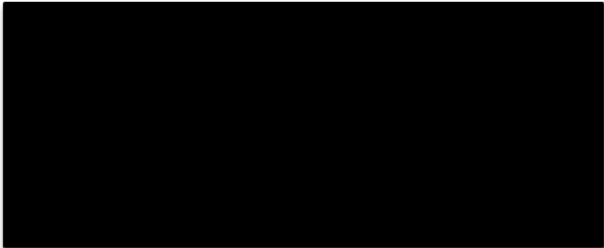
QR 1	Pay and Service Queries (optional)	DESIRABLE	Confirmed	Comment																						
<p>Provision of a query resolution service for both payees and STA as follows:</p> <p>1. Operating times to be Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm</p> <p>2. Provision of monthly reports to STA detailing all queries and resolutions (with payee number) for that month and an Annual Running Summary</p> <p>Query volumes are given estimated in the table below.</p> <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>No of Queries</th></tr><tr><td>Jan</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Feb</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Mar</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Apr</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Jun</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Jul</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Aug</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Sep</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Oct</td><td>2</td></tr></table>			Month	No of Queries	Jan	2	Feb	2	Mar	2	Apr	2	May	2	Jun	2	Jul	10	Aug	10	Sep	10	Oct	2	Y/N	<div></div>
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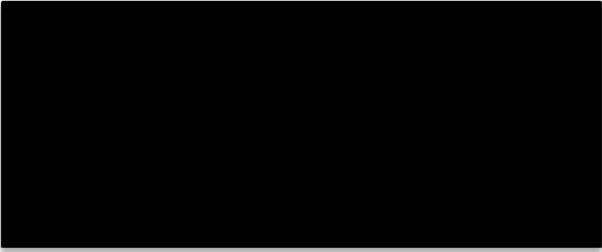
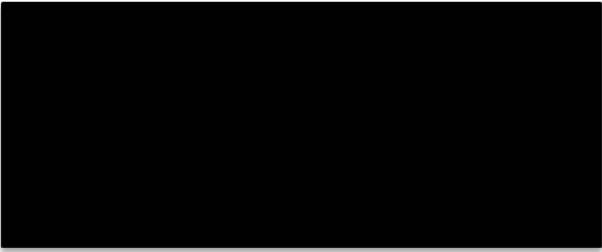
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Nov	2		
Dec	2		
Total	48		
Query volumes peak between July and September. Query resolution would be expected to mainly resolve via email and generally uncomplicated.			

Service Management

SM 1	Monthly Management Reporting	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
Provision of monthly management reports giving detail of all fees and expenses paid by Cost Centre. This will include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEE name • Payroll number • NI Number • Date and amount of fees paid • Date and amount of expenses paid • Amounts of tax and NIC deducted • Cost Centre/Activity paid against. 			Y Y/N	
SM 2	Annual Reconciliation Reports	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comments

Prepare Annual report detailing reconciliation for STA financial statements. Provider should supply annual report showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total fees paid by cost Centre / activity • Total expenses paid by cost Centre / activity • Total Tax payments • Total NIC • Supplier invoicing and charges 			Y/N Y	
SM 3	Ad-Hoc Management Reports	DESIRABLE	Confirmed	Comment
Provision of other ad-hoc management reports as required by STA.			Y/N Y	
SM 4	Report on Rejected Payments	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
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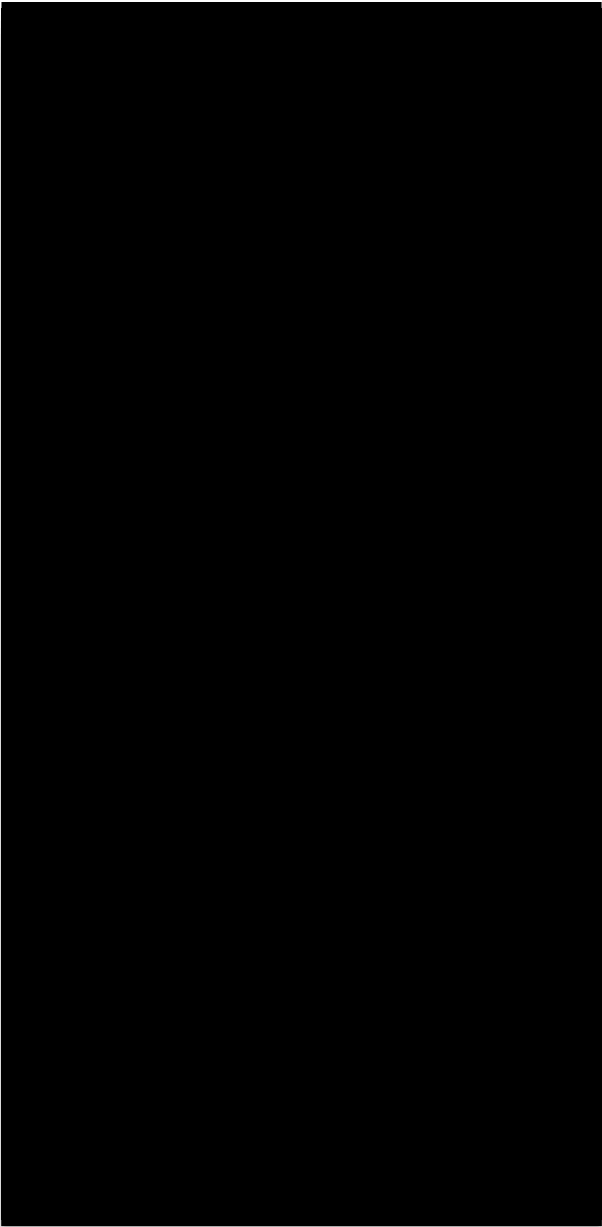
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Performance Measures

PM 1	Performance Measures	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
	All payments are made accurately and timely as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees – paid within 14 working days from the date of payment advice from STA • Expenses – paid within 14 days of receipt of claim • No duplicate payments • Payments made to the correct person • Monthly/Annual cost Centre reports on spend 		Y/N Y	

Departmental Security Standards

SR 1	Departmental Security Standards	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
	The contractor will need to assure the Department that they can comply with		Y/N	:

<p>the Departmental Security Standards.</p>	<p>Y</p>	
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Implementation

IMP 1	Mandatory Requirements	MANDATORY	Confirmed	Comment
All mandatory requirements to be operational from 1 st September 2025			Y/N Y	
IMP 2	Desirable Requirements	DESIRABLE	Confirmed	Comment
All desirable requirements to be operational from 1 st September or as soon as possible after that date, if the desired requirement is possible to deliver.			Y/N Y	

STATEMENT OF SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Overview of Requirements

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of national curriculum tests in English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), Mathematics, and Phonics for use in schools at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2). To support this work, STA engages Independent Educational Experts (IEEs) who contribute to the creation and review of test materials and mark schemes.

STA requires a new payroll and expense management system to support the accurate and timely payment of fees and reimbursements to IEEs. These individuals are not permanent employees, they are contracted on an ad hoc basis, with some using the system only once, and others submitting claims repeatedly throughout the year, depending on their role and level of involvement.

The system must be fully compliant with HMRC's Real-Time Information (RTI) requirements and align with STA's internal financial controls and processes.

The new system will be expected to:

- Process payments and expense claims efficiently and accurately.
- Ensure full compliance with relevant HMRC RTI requirements.
- Reduce administrative overhead and manual processing for claimants/STA.
- Support secure, auditable, and user-friendly workflows for both internal staff and external experts.

A reliable and effective payment mechanism is critical to maintaining STA's ability to recruit and retain the specialist expertise required for its statutory functions. This procurement seeks to identify a supplier capable of delivering a robust, scalable, and compliant solution that meets STA's operational and regulatory needs.

It is anticipated that the system will support up to 250 individual claimants per year. Claim volumes will vary throughout the year, with an estimated maximum of 25 users submitting claims in any given week. During quieter periods, weekly submissions may be as low as 3, increasing to a maximum of 25 during peak activity.

Payroll System – Fees and Expenses - HIGH LEVEL SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Please confirm if your solution can meet our requirements listed in the table below. Use ‘comment’ to provide additional details.

PR 1	Payment of Fees	MANDATORY
<p>A payment service for Fees which operates PAYE in the normal way in real time (including issue of P60s) and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Pays fees at amounts claimed by individuals & approved by STA5. Pays the tax and NIC deducted from fees timely to HMRC at intervals as required by the regulations.6. Conforms to HMRC requirements for RTI reporting, including the use of HMRC recommended and compliant software.		
PR 2	On-line Expense Claims	MANDATORY
<p>The service to include the facility for on-line expense claims from individual IEEs (individual educational experts) and include provision for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Direct submission of claims to the service provider6. Submission of receipts in support of claims where appropriate7. Validation of claims compliance with STA expenses policy by the		

service provider on behalf of STA		
8. Authorisation of payment by STA		
PR 3	Remittance Advices	MANDATORY
<p>Provide remittance advice by email to payees showing for each payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Address • Payroll number • Total amount paid with a breakdown of individual fees and expenses • Tax and NIC deductions • Date paid 		
PR 4	Payee Records	MANDATORY
<p>Provision of payee records which enable, amongst other things, the requirements of RTI reporting to HMRC. Each payee record to contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • NI Number • Payroll number (to be allocated by service provider) • Contact addresses including the post code • Contact email address • Contact telephone number (s) • Bank details (a clear control process is required) • Unique Identity Number (to be supplied by STA) • Tax code 		

PR 5	On-line input to Payee Records	MANDATORY
<p>An on-line facility for IEEs to input and amend their own personal details to the pay record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • NI Number • Contact addresses including the post code • Contact email address • Contact telephone number (s) • Bank details <p>The on-line facility should ensure that payees have completed all relevant details.</p> <p>The facility must include a security measure to ensure that only IEEs appointed by STA are allowed access.</p>		

HMRC Reporting

HMRC 1	End of Year Reporting	MANDATORY
<p>Service to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Service provider should carry out a full reconciliation which should be agreed with HMRC and complete any tax returns outstanding 5. Service provider should compile and distribute any individual tax returns as required by the RTI PAYE system 6. A summary report on all HMRC transactions and reconciliations should be 		

provided to STA

Query Resolution

QR 1	Pay and Service Queries (optional)	DESIRABLE																												
Provision of a query resolution service for both payees and STA as follows:																														
3. Operating times to be Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm																														
4. Provision of monthly reports to STA detailing all queries and resolutions (with payee number) for that month and an Annual Running Summary																														
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Indicative Procurement Timelines

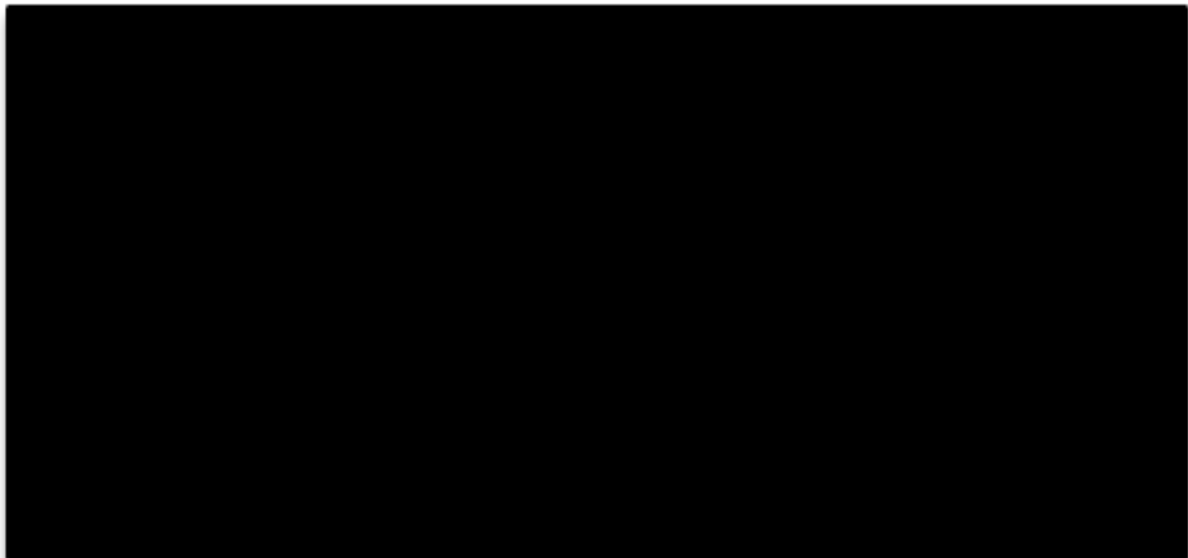
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Supplier Clarification Question Deadline	16/06/2025
Bids / Quotes Received	18/06/2025
Award Decision	15/07/2025
Contract finalisation/ signature	By 01/09/2025
Contract Start	01/09/2025

Schedule 2: Call-Off Contract charges

For each individual Service, the applicable Call-Off Contract Charges (in accordance with the Supplier's Platform pricing document) can't be amended during the term of the Call-Off Contract. The detailed Charges breakdown for the provision of Services during the Term will include:

Payment Profile Table

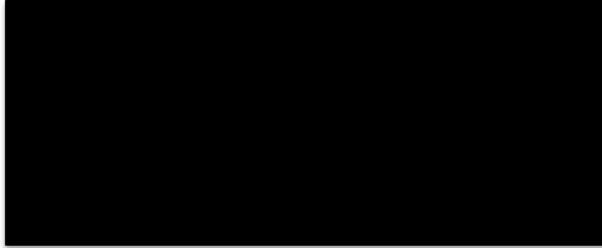
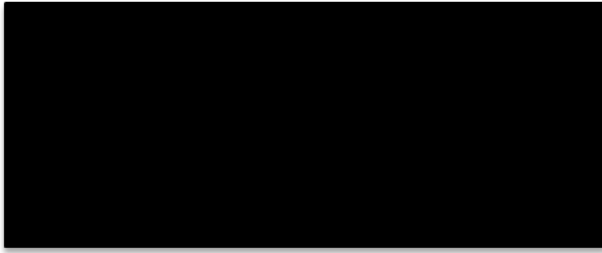


1. The Supplier shall include details of all activities completed with invoices for all Transactions for live service payments.
2. VAT will be payable at the prevailing rate.
3. The Supplier shall maintain full and accurate accounts for the Service against the expenditure headings in the Payment Profile Table. Such accounts shall be retained for at least 6 years after the end of the financial year in which the last payment was made under this Contract. Input and output VAT shall be included as separate items in such accounts.
4. The Supplier shall permit duly authorised staff or agents of the Department or the National Audit Office to examine the accounts at any reasonable time and shall furnish oral or written explanations of the account if required. The Department reserves the right to have such staff or agents carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Supplier has used the Department's resources in the performance of this Contract.
5. Invoices shall be prepared by the Supplier [monthly/ quarterly] in arrears and shall be detailed against the expenditure headings set out in the Payment Profile Table. The Supplier or his or her nominated representative or accountant shall certify on the invoice that the amounts claimed were expended wholly and necessarily by the Supplier on the Service in accordance with the Contract and that the invoice does not

include any costs being claimed from any other body or individual or from the Department within the terms of another contract.

- a. Invoices shall be sent electronically, within 30 days of the end of the relevant month, quoting the Contract reference number. The Department undertakes to pay correctly submitted invoices within 10 days of receipt. The Department is obliged to pay invoices within 30 days of receipt from the day of physical or electronic arrival at the nominated address of the Department. Any correctly submitted invoices that are not paid within 30 days may be subject to the provisions of the Late Payment of Commercial Debt (Interest) Act 1998. A correct invoice is one that: is delivered in time in accordance with the contract; is for the correct sum; in respect of goods/services supplied or delivered to the required quality (or are expected to be at the required quality); includes the date, supplier name, contact details and bank details; quotes the relevant purchase order/contract reference and has been delivered to the nominated address. If any problems arise, contact the Department's Contract Manager. The Department aims to reply to complaints within 10 working days. The Department shall not be responsible for any delay in payment caused by incomplete or illegible invoices.
6. The Supplier shall have regard to the need for economy in all expenditure. Where any expenditure in an invoice, in the Department's reasonable opinion, is excessive having due regard to the purpose for which it was incurred, the Department shall only be liable to reimburse so much (if any) of the expenditure disallowed as, in the Department's reasonable opinion after consultation with the Supplier, would reasonably have been required for that purpose.
7. If this Contract is terminated by the Department due to the Suppliers insolvency or default at any time before completion of the Service, the Department shall only be liable under paragraph 1 to reimburse eligible payments made by, or due to, the Supplier before the date of termination.
8. On completion of the Service or on termination of this Contract, the Supplier shall promptly draw-up a final invoice, which shall cover all outstanding expenditure incurred for the Service. The final invoice shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the date of completion of the Service.
9. The Department shall not be obliged to pay the final invoice until the Supplier has carried out all the elements of the Service specified as in the Order Form.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the Supplier to ensure that the final invoice covers all outstanding expenditure for which reimbursement may be claimed. Provided that all previous invoices have been duly paid, on due payment of the final invoice by the Department all amounts due to be reimbursed under this Contract shall be deemed to have been paid and the Department shall have no further liability to make reimbursement of any kind.

Charges – Include IRIS Quote



Schedule 3: Collaboration agreement – Not Applicable

This agreement is made on [enter date]

between:

- 1) [Buyer name] of [Buyer address] (the Buyer)

- 2) [Company name] a company incorporated in [company address] under [registration number], whose registered office is at [registered address]
- 3) [Company name] a company incorporated in [company address] under [registration number], whose registered office is at [registered address]
- 4) [Company name] a company incorporated in [company address] under [registration number], whose registered office is at [registered address]
- 5) [Company name] a company incorporated in [company address] under [registration number], whose registered office is at [registered address]
- 6) [Company name] a company incorporated in [company address] under [registration number], whose registered office is at [registered address] together (the Collaboration Suppliers and each of them a Collaboration Supplier).

Whereas the:

- Buyer and the Collaboration Suppliers have entered into the Call-Off Contracts (defined below) for the provision of various IT and telecommunications (ICT) services
- Collaboration Suppliers now wish to provide for the ongoing cooperation of the Collaboration Suppliers in the provision of services under their respective Call-Off Contract to the Buyer

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Call-Off Contracts and this Agreement and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions and interpretation

1.1 As used in this Agreement, the capitalised expressions will have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

1.1.1 "Agreement" means this collaboration agreement, containing the Clauses and Schedules

1.1.2 "Call-Off Contract" means each contract that is let by the Buyer to one of the Collaboration Suppliers

1.1.3 "Contractor's Confidential Information" has the meaning set out in the Call-Off Contracts

1.1.4 "Confidential Information" means the Buyer Confidential Information or any Collaboration Supplier's Confidential Information

1.1.5 "Collaboration Activities" means the activities set out in this Agreement

1.1.6 "Buyer Confidential Information" has the meaning set out in the Call-Off Contract

1.1.7 "Default" means any breach of the obligations of any Collaboration Supplier or any Default, act, omission, negligence or statement of any Collaboration Supplier, its employees, servants, agents or subcontractors in connection with or in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement and in respect of which such Collaboration Supplier is liable (by way of indemnity or otherwise) to the other parties

1.1.8 "Detailed Collaboration Plan" has the meaning given in clause 3.2

1.1.9 "Dispute Resolution Process" means the process described in clause 9

1.1.10 "Effective Date" means [insert date]

1.1.11 "Force Majeure Event" has the meaning given in clause 11.1.1

1.1.12 "Mediator" has the meaning given to it in clause 9.3.1

1.1.13 "Outline Collaboration Plan" has the meaning given to it in clause 3.1

1.1.14 "Term" has the meaning given to it in clause 2.1

1.1.15 "Working Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales

1.2 General

1.2.1 As used in this Agreement the:

1.2.1.1 masculine includes the feminine and the neuter

1.2.1.2 singular includes the plural and the other way round

1.2.1.3 A reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument will be viewed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument or as contained in any subsequent reenactment.

1.2.2 Headings are included in this Agreement for ease of reference only and will not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

1.2.3 References to Clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to clauses of and schedules to this Agreement.

1.2.4 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all remedies available to any party under this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately and the exercise of any one remedy will not exclude the exercise of any other remedy.

1.2.5 The party receiving the benefit of an indemnity under this Agreement will use its reasonable endeavours to mitigate its loss covered by the indemnity.

2. Term of the agreement

2.1 This Agreement will come into force on the Effective Date and, unless earlier terminated in accordance with clause 10, will expire 6 months after the expiry or termination (however arising) of the exit period of the last Call-Off Contract (the "Term").

2.2 A Collaboration Supplier's duty to perform the Collaboration Activities will continue until the end of the exit period of its last relevant Call-Off Contract.

3. Provision of the collaboration plan

3.1 The Collaboration Suppliers will, within 2 weeks (or any longer period as notified by the Buyer in writing) of the Effective Date, provide to the Buyer detailed proposals for the Collaboration Activities they require from each other (the "Outline Collaboration Plan").

3.2 Within 10 Working Days (or any other period as agreed in writing by the Buyer and the Collaboration Suppliers) of [receipt of the proposals] or [the Effective Date], the Buyer will prepare a plan for the Collaboration Activities (the "Detailed Collaboration Plan"). The Detailed Collaboration Plan will include full details of the activities and interfaces that involve all of the Collaboration Suppliers to ensure the receipt of the services under each Collaboration Supplier's respective [contract] [Call-Off Contract], by the Buyer. The Detailed Collaboration Plan will be based on the Outline Collaboration Plan and will be submitted to the Collaboration Suppliers for approval.

3.3 The Collaboration Suppliers will provide the help the Buyer needs to prepare the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

3.4 The Collaboration Suppliers will, within 10 Working Days of receipt of the Detailed Collaboration Plan, either:

3.4.1 approve the Detailed Collaboration Plan

3.4.2 reject the Detailed Collaboration Plan, giving reasons for the rejection

3.5 The Collaboration Suppliers may reject the Detailed Collaboration Plan under clause 3.4.2 only if it is not consistent with their Outline Collaboration Plan in that it imposes additional, more onerous, obligations on them.

3.6 If the parties fail to agree the Detailed Collaboration Plan under clause 3.4, the dispute will be resolved using the Dispute Resolution Process.

4. Collaboration activities

4.1 The Collaboration Suppliers will perform the Collaboration Activities and all other obligations of this Agreement in accordance with the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

4.2 The Collaboration Suppliers will provide all additional cooperation and assistance as is reasonably required by the Buyer to ensure the continuous delivery of the services under the Call-Off Contract.

4.3 The Collaboration Suppliers will ensure that their respective subcontractors provide all cooperation and assistance as set out in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

5. Invoicing

5.1 If any sums are due under this Agreement, the Collaboration Supplier responsible for paying the sum will pay within 30 Working Days of receipt of a valid invoice.

5.2 Interest will be payable on any late payments under this Agreement under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended.

6. Confidentiality

6.1 Without prejudice to the application of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 to any Confidential Information, the Collaboration Suppliers acknowledge that any Confidential Information obtained from or relating to the Crown, its servants or agents is the property of the Crown.

6.2 Each Collaboration Supplier warrants that:

6.2.1 any person employed or engaged by it (in connection with this Agreement in the course of such employment or engagement) will only use Confidential Information for the purposes of this Agreement

6.2.2 any person employed or engaged by it (in connection with this Agreement) will not disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other party

6.2.3 it will take all necessary precautions to ensure that all Confidential Information is treated as confidential and not disclosed (except as agreed) or used other than for the purposes of this Agreement by its employees, servants, agents or subcontractors

6.2.4 neither it nor any person engaged by it, whether as a servant or a consultant or otherwise, will use the Confidential Information for the solicitation of business from the other or from the other party's servants or consultants or otherwise

6.3 The provisions of clauses 6.1 and 6.2 will not apply to any information which is:

6.3.1 or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause 6

6.3.2 in the possession of the receiving party without restriction in relation to disclosure before the date of receipt from the disclosing party

6.3.3 received from a third party who lawfully acquired it and who is under no obligation restricting its disclosure

6.3.4 independently developed without access to the Confidential Information

6.3.5 required to be disclosed by law or by any judicial, arbitral, regulatory or other authority of competent jurisdiction

6.4 The Buyer's right, obligations and liabilities in relation to using and disclosing any Collaboration Supplier's Confidential Information provided under this Agreement and the Collaboration Supplier's right, obligations and liabilities in relation to using and disclosing any of the Buyer's Confidential Information provided under this Agreement, will be as set out in the [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract].

7. Warranties

7.1 Each Collaboration Supplier warrants and represents that:

7.1.1 it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including but not limited to, if its processes require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and to perform this Agreement and that this Agreement is executed by an authorised representative of the Collaboration Supplier

7.1.2 its obligations will be performed by appropriately experienced, qualified and trained personnel with all due skill, care and diligence including but not limited to good industry practice and (without limiting the generality of this clause 7) in accordance with its own established internal processes

7.2 Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, all warranties and conditions, whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise (including but not limited to fitness for purpose) are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

8. Limitation of liability

8.1 None of the parties exclude or limit their liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence, or for any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

8.2 Nothing in this Agreement will exclude or limit the liability of any party for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

8.3 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the liability of the Buyer to any Collaboration Suppliers for all claims (by way of indemnity or otherwise) arising whether in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (other than if made fraudulently), breach of statutory duty or otherwise under this Agreement (excluding Clause 6.4, which will be subject to the limitations of liability set out in the relevant Contract) will be limited to [(£,000)].

8.4 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the liability of each Collaboration Supplier for all claims (by way of indemnity or otherwise) arising whether in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (other than if made fraudulently), breach of statutory duty or otherwise under this Agreement will be limited to [Buyer to specify].

8.5 Subject always to clauses 8.1, 8.2 and 8.6 and except in respect of liability under clause 6 (excluding clause 6.4, which will be subject to the limitations of liability set out in the [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract]), in no event will any party be liable to any other for:

- 8.5.1 indirect loss or damage
- 8.5.2 special loss or damage
- 8.5.3 consequential loss or damage
- 8.5.4 loss of profits (whether direct or indirect)
- 8.5.5 loss of turnover (whether direct or indirect)
- 8.5.6 loss of business opportunities (whether direct or indirect)
- 8.5.7 damage to goodwill (whether direct or indirect)

8.6 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the provisions of clause 8.5 will not be taken as limiting the right of the Buyer to among other things, recover as a direct loss any:

8.6.1 additional operational or administrative costs and expenses arising from a Collaboration Supplier's Default

8.6.2 wasted expenditure or charges rendered unnecessary or incurred by the Buyer arising from a Collaboration Supplier's Default

9. Dispute resolution process

9.1 All disputes between any of the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be referred, by any party involved in the dispute, to the representatives of the parties specified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

9.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties' representatives nominated under clause 9.1 within a maximum of 5 Working Days (or any other time agreed in writing by the parties) after it has been referred to them under clause 9.1, then except if a party seeks urgent injunctive relief, the parties will refer it to mediation under the process set out in clause 9.3 unless the Buyer considers (acting reasonably and considering any objections to mediation raised by the other parties) that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation.

9.3 The process for mediation and consequential provisions for mediation are:

9.3.1 a neutral adviser or mediator will be chosen by agreement between the parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one party to the other parties to appoint a Mediator or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, any party will within 10 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10 Working Days of notice to the parties that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to the President of the Law Society to appoint a Mediator

9.3.2 the parties will within 10 Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure of the negotiations

9.3.3 unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it will be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the parties in any future proceedings

9.3.4 if the parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement will be put in writing and will be binding on the parties once it is signed by their authorised representatives

9.3.5 failing agreement, any of the parties may invite the Mediator to provide a non binding but informative opinion in writing. The opinion will be provided on a without prejudice basis and will not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to this Agreement without the prior written consent of all the parties

9.3.6 if the parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 20 Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or any longer period the parties agree on, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the courts

9.4 The parties must continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and under their respective Contracts pending the resolution of a dispute.

10. Termination and consequences of termination

10.1 Termination

10.1.1 The Buyer has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the Collaboration Suppliers whenever the Buyer has the right to terminate a Collaboration Supplier's [respective contract] [Call-Off Contract].

10.1.2 Failure by any of the Collaboration Suppliers to comply with their obligations under this Agreement will constitute a Default under their [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract]. In this case, the Buyer also has the right to terminate by notice in writing the participation of any Collaboration Supplier to this Agreement and sever its name from the list of Collaboration Suppliers, so that this Agreement will continue to operate between the Buyer and the remaining Collaboration Suppliers.

10.2 Consequences of termination

10.2.1 Subject to any other right or remedy of the parties, the Collaboration Suppliers and the Buyer will continue to comply with their respective obligations under the [contracts] [Call-Off Contracts] following the termination (however arising) of this Agreement.

10.2.2 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, termination of this Agreement will be without prejudice to any accrued rights and obligations under this Agreement.

11. General provisions

11.1 Force majeure

11.1.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, the expression "Force Majeure Event" will mean any cause affecting the performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, acts of government, local government or Regulatory Bodies, fire, flood, storm or earthquake, or disaster but excluding any industrial dispute relating to any party, the party's personnel or any other failure of a Subcontractor.

11.1.2 Subject to the remaining provisions of this clause 11.1, any party to this Agreement may claim relief from liability for non-performance of its obligations to the extent this is due to a Force Majeure Event.

11.1.3 A party cannot claim relief if the Force Majeure Event or its level of exposure to the event is attributable to its wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against the relevant Force Majeure Event.

11.1.4 The affected party will immediately give the other parties written notice of the Force Majeure Event. The notification will include details of the Force Majeure Event together with evidence of its effect on the obligations of the affected party, and any action the affected party proposes to take to mitigate its effect.

11.1.5 The affected party will notify the other parties in writing as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the affected party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. Following the notification, this Agreement will continue to be performed on the terms existing immediately before the Force Majeure Event unless agreed otherwise in writing by the parties.

11.2 Assignment and subcontracting

11.2.1 Subject to clause 11.2.2, the Collaboration Suppliers will not assign, transfer, novate, sub-license or declare a trust in respect of its rights under all or a part of this Agreement or the benefit or advantage without the prior written consent of the Buyer.

11.2.2 Any subcontractors identified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan can perform those elements identified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan to be performed by the Subcontractors.

11.3 Notices

11.3.1 Any notices given under or in relation to this Agreement will be deemed to have been properly delivered if sent by recorded or registered post or by fax and will be deemed for the purposes of this Agreement to have been given or made at the time the letter would, in the ordinary course of post, be delivered or at the time shown on the sender's fax transmission report.

11.3.2 For the purposes of clause 11.3.1, the address of each of the parties are those in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

11.4 Entire agreement

11.4.1 This Agreement, together with the documents and agreements referred to in it, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties in respect of the matters dealt with in it and supersedes any previous agreement between the Parties about this.

11.4.2 Each of the parties agrees that in entering into this Agreement and the documents and agreements referred to in it does not rely on, and will have no

remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty or undertaking (whether negligently or innocently made) other than as expressly set out in this Agreement. The only remedy available to each party in respect of any statements, representation, warranty or understanding will be for breach of contract under the terms of this Agreement.

11.4.3 Nothing in this clause 11.4 will exclude any liability for fraud.

11.5 Rights of third parties

Nothing in this Agreement will grant any right or benefit to any person other than the parties or their respective successors in title or assignees, or entitle a third party to enforce any provision and the parties do not intend that any term of this Agreement should be enforceable by a third party by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

11.6 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, that provision will be severed without effect to the remaining provisions. If a provision of this Agreement that is fundamental to the accomplishment of the purpose of this Agreement is held to any extent to be invalid, the parties will immediately commence good faith negotiations to remedy that invalidity.

11.7 Variations

No purported amendment or variation of this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement will be effective unless it is made in writing by the parties.

11.8 No waiver

The failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, a right, power or remedy provided by this Agreement or by law will not constitute a waiver of that right, power or remedy. If a party waives a breach of any provision of this Agreement this will not operate as a waiver of a subsequent breach of that provision, or as a waiver of a breach of any other provision.

11.9 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and without prejudice to the Dispute Resolution Process, each party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Executed and delivered as an agreement by the parties or their duly authorised attorneys the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of the Buyer

Signed by:

Full name (capitals):

Position:

Date:

For and on behalf of the [Company name]

Signed by: N/A

Full name (capitals):

Position

: Date:

Schedule 4: Alternative clauses – Not Applicable

1. Introduction

1.1 This Schedule specifies the alternative clauses that may be requested in the Order Form and, if requested in the Order Form, will apply to this Call-Off Contract.

2. Clauses selected

2.1 The Buyer may, in the Order Form, request the following alternative Clauses:

2.1.1 Scots Law and Jurisdiction

2.1.2 References to England and Wales in incorporated Framework Agreement clause 15.1 (Law and Jurisdiction) of this Call-Off Contract will be replaced with Scotland and the wording of the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Contract will be interpreted as closely as possible to the original English and Welsh Law intention despite Scots Law applying.

2.1.3 Reference to England and Wales in Working Days definition within the Glossary and interpretations section will be replaced with Scotland.

2.1.4 References to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 will be removed in clause 27.1. Reference to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 within the defined terms for 'FoIA/Freedom of Information Act' to be replaced with Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

2.1.5 Reference to the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 will be removed in incorporated Framework Agreement clause 4.1.

2.1.6 References to “tort” will be replaced with “delict” throughout

2.2 The Buyer may, in the Order Form, request the following Alternative Clauses:

2.2.1 Northern Ireland Law (see paragraph 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 of this Schedule)

2.3 Discrimination

2.3.1 The Supplier will comply with all applicable fair employment, equality of treatment and anti-discrimination legislation, including, in particular the:

- Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
- Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998
- Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and 1988
- Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
- Equal Pay Act (Northern Ireland) 1970
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
- Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996
- Employment Equality (Age) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
- Part-time Workers (Prevention of less Favourable Treatment) Regulation 2000
- Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002
- The Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006
- The Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
- Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
- Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
- Work and Families (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

and will use its best endeavours to ensure that in its employment policies and practices and in the delivery of the services required of the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract it promotes equality of treatment and opportunity between:

- a. persons of different religious beliefs or political opinions
- b. men and women or married and unmarried persons
- c. persons with and without dependants (including women who are pregnant or on maternity leave and men on paternity leave)
- d. persons of different racial groups (within the meaning of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997)
- e. persons with and without a disability (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995)
- f. persons of different ages
- g. persons of differing sexual orientation

2.3.2 The Supplier will take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause 2.3.1 of this Schedule by all Supplier Staff.

2.4 Equality policies and practices

2.4.1 The Supplier will introduce and will procure that any Subcontractor will also introduce and implement an equal opportunities policy in accordance with guidance from and to the satisfaction of the Equality Commission. The Supplier will review these policies on a regular basis (and will procure that its Subcontractors do likewise) and the Buyer will be entitled to receive upon request a copy of the policy.

2.4.2 The Supplier will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all of the Supplier Staff comply with its equal opportunities policies (referred to in clause 2.3 above). These steps will include:

- a. the issue of written instructions to staff and other relevant persons
- b. the appointment or designation of a senior manager with responsibility for equal opportunities
- c. training of all staff and other relevant persons in equal opportunities and harassment matters
- d. the inclusion of the topic of equality as an agenda item at team, management and staff meetings

The Supplier will procure that its Subcontractors do likewise with their equal opportunities policies.

2.4.3 The Supplier will inform the Buyer as soon as possible in the event of:

- A. the Equality Commission notifying the Supplier of an alleged breach by it or any Subcontractor (or any of their shareholders or directors) of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 or
- B. any finding of unlawful discrimination (or any offence under the Legislation mentioned in clause 2.3 above) being made against the Supplier or its Subcontractors during the Call-Off Contract Term by any Industrial or Fair Employment Tribunal or court,

The Supplier will take any necessary steps (including the dismissal or replacement of any relevant staff or Subcontractor(s)) as the Buyer directs and will seek the advice of the Equality Commission in order to prevent any offence or repetition of the unlawful discrimination as the case may be.

2.4.4 The Supplier will monitor (in accordance with guidance issued by the Equality Commission) the composition of its workforce and applicants for employment and will provide an annual report on the composition of the workforce and applicants to the Buyer. If the monitoring reveals under-representation or lack of fair participation of particular groups, the Supplier will review the operation of its relevant policies and take positive action if appropriate. The Supplier will impose on its Subcontractors obligations similar to those undertaken by it in this clause 2.4 and will procure that those Subcontractors comply with their obligations.

2.4.5 The Supplier will provide any information the Buyer requests (including Information requested to be provided by any Subcontractors) for the purpose of assessing the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under clauses 2.4.1 to 2.4.5 of this Schedule.

2.5 Equality

2.5.1 The Supplier will, and will procure that each Subcontractor will, in performing its/their obligations under this Call-Off Contract (and other relevant agreements), comply with the provisions of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, as if they were a public authority within the meaning of that section.

2.5.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer must, in carrying out its functions, have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity as contemplated by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours to assist (and to ensure that relevant Subcontractor helps) the Buyer in relation to same.

2.6 Health and safety

2.6.1 The Supplier will promptly notify the Buyer of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract. The Buyer will promptly notify the Supplier of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Buyer premises and which may affect the Supplier in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract.

2.6.2 While on the Buyer premises, the Supplier will comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Buyer in respect of Supplier Staff and other persons working there.

2.6.3 The Supplier will notify the Buyer immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract on the Buyer premises if that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.

2.6.4 The Supplier will comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to Supplier Staff and other persons working on the Buyer premises in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract.

2.6.5 The Supplier will ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978) is made available to the Buyer on request.

2.7 Criminal damage

2.7.1 The Supplier will maintain standards of vigilance and will take all precautions as advised by the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 or as may be recommended by the police or the Northern Ireland Office (or, if replaced, their successors) and will compensate the Buyer for any loss arising directly from a breach of this obligation (including any diminution of monies received by the Buyer under any insurance policy).

2.7.2 If during the Call-Off Contract Term any assets (or any part thereof) is or are damaged or destroyed by any circumstance giving rise to a claim for compensation under the provisions of the Compensation Order the following provisions of this clause 2.7 will apply.

2.7.3 The Supplier will make (or will procure that the appropriate organisation make) all appropriate claims under the Compensation Order as soon as possible after the CDO Event and will pursue any claim diligently and at its cost. If appropriate, the Buyer will also make and pursue a claim diligently under the Compensation Order. Any appeal against a refusal to meet any claim or against the amount of the award will be at the Buyer's cost and the Supplier will (at no additional cost to the Buyer) provide any help the Buyer reasonably requires with the appeal.

2.7.4 The Supplier will apply any compensation paid under the Compensation Order in respect of damage to the relevant assets towards the repair, reinstatement or replacement of the assets affected.

Schedule 5: Guarantee – Not applicable

[A Guarantee should only be requested if the Supplier's financial standing is not enough on its own to guarantee delivery of the Services. This is a draft form of guarantee which can be used to procure a Call Off Guarantee, and so it will need to be amended to reflect the Beneficiary's requirements]

This deed of guarantee is made on **[insert date, month, year]** between:

(1) **[Insert the name of the Guarantor]** a company incorporated in England and Wales with number **[insert company number]** whose registered office is at **[insert details of the guarantor's registered office]** [or a company incorporated under the Laws of **[insert country]**, registered in **[insert country]** with number **[insert number]** at **[insert place of registration]**, whose principal office is at **[insert office details]**](‘Guarantor’); in favour of
and

(2) The Buyer whose offices are **[insert Buyer's official address]** (‘Beneficiary’)

Whereas:

(A) The guarantor has agreed, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Call-Off Contract with the Supplier, to guarantee all of the Supplier's obligations under the Call-Off Contract.

(B) It is the intention of the Parties that this document be executed and take effect as a deed.

[Where a deed of guarantee is required, include the wording below and populate the box below with the guarantor company's details. If a deed of guarantee isn't needed then the section below and other references to the guarantee should be deleted.

Suggested headings are as follows:

- Demands and notices
- Representations and Warranties
- Obligation to enter into a new Contract
- Assignment
- Third Party Rights
- Governing Law
- This Call-Off Contract is conditional upon the provision of a Guarantee to the Buyer from the guarantor in respect of the Supplier.

Guarantor company	[Enter Company name] 'Guarantor'
Guarantor company address	[Enter Company address]
Account manager	[Enter Account Manager name]
	Address: [Enter Account Manager address]

	Phone: [Enter Account Manager phone number]
	Email: [Enter Account Manager email]
	Fax: [Enter Account Manager fax if applicable]

In consideration of the Buyer entering into the Call-Off Contract, the Guarantor agrees with the Buyer as follows:

Definitions and interpretation

In this Deed of Guarantee, unless defined elsewhere in this Deed of Guarantee or the context requires otherwise, defined terms will have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of the Call-Off Contract.

Term	Meaning
Call-Off Contract	Means [the Guaranteed Agreement] made between the Buyer and the Supplier on [insert date].
Guaranteed Obligations	Means all obligations and liabilities of the Supplier to the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract together with all obligations owed by the Supplier to the Buyer that are supplemental to, incurred under, ancillary to or calculated by reference to the Call-Off Contract.

Guarantee	Means the deed of guarantee described in the Order Form (Parent Company Guarantee).
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References to this Deed of Guarantee and any provisions of this Deed of Guarantee or to any other document or agreement (including to the Call-Off Contract) apply now, and as amended, varied, restated, supplemented, substituted or novated in the future.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular are to include the plural and vice versa.

References to a person are to be construed to include that person's assignees or transferees or successors in title, whether direct or indirect.

The words 'other' and 'otherwise' are not to be construed as confining the meaning of any following words to the class of thing previously stated if a wider construction is possible.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter
- references to an Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument also apply if amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time
- any phrase introduced by the words 'including', 'includes', 'in particular', 'for example' or similar, will be construed as illustrative and without limitation to the generality of the related general words

References to Clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to Clauses of and Schedules to this Deed of Guarantee.

References to liability are to include any liability whether actual, contingent, present or future.

Guarantee and indemnity

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees that the Supplier duly performs all of the guaranteed obligations due by the Supplier to the Buyer.

If at any time the Supplier will fail to perform any of the guaranteed obligations, the Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to the Buyer it will, at the cost of the Guarantor:

- fully perform or buy performance of the guaranteed obligations to the Buyer

- as a separate and independent obligation and liability, compensate and keep the Buyer compensated against all losses and expenses which may result from a failure by the Supplier to perform the guaranteed obligations under the Call-Off Contract

As a separate and independent obligation and liability, the Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to compensate and keep the Buyer compensated on demand against all losses and expenses of whatever nature, whether arising under statute, contract or at common Law, if any obligation guaranteed by the guarantor is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal as if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal provided that the guarantor's liability will be no greater than the Supplier's liability would have been if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

Obligation to enter into a new contract

If the Call-Off Contract is terminated or if it is disclaimed by a liquidator of the Supplier or the obligations of the Supplier are declared to be void or voidable, the Guarantor will, at the request of the Buyer, enter into a Contract with the Buyer in the same terms as the Call-Off Contract and the obligations of the Guarantor under such substitute agreement will be the same as if the Guarantor had been original obligor under the Call-Off Contract or under an agreement entered into on the same terms and at the same time as the Call-Off Contract with the Buyer.

Demands and notices

Any demand or notice served by the Buyer on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee will be in writing, addressed to:

[Enter Address of the Guarantor in England and Wales]

[Enter Email address of the Guarantor

representative] For the Attention of **[insert details]**

or such other address in England and Wales as the Guarantor has notified the Buyer in writing as being an address for the receipt of such demands or notices.

Any notice or demand served on the Guarantor or the Buyer under this Deed of Guarantee will be deemed to have been served if:

- delivered by hand, at the time of delivery

- posted, at 10am on the second Working Day after it was put into the post
- sent by email, at the time of despatch, if despatched before 5pm on any Working Day, and in any other case at 10am on the next Working Day

In proving Service of a notice or demand on the Guarantor or the Buyer, it will be sufficient to prove that delivery was made, or that the envelope containing the notice or demand was properly addressed and posted as a prepaid first class recorded delivery letter, or that the fax message was properly addressed and despatched.

Any notice purported to be served on the Buyer under this Deed of Guarantee will only be valid when received in writing by the Buyer.

Beneficiary's protections

The Guarantor will not be discharged or released from this Deed of Guarantee by:

- any arrangement made between the Supplier and the Buyer (whether or not such arrangement is made with the assent of the Guarantor)
- any amendment to or termination of the Call-Off Contract
- any forbearance or indulgence as to payment, time, performance or otherwise granted by the Buyer (whether or not such amendment, termination, forbearance or indulgence is made with the assent of the Guarantor)
- the Buyer doing (or omitting to do) anything which, but for this provision, might exonerate the Guarantor

This Deed of Guarantee will be a continuing security for the Guaranteed Obligations and accordingly:

- it will not be discharged, reduced or otherwise affected by any partial performance (except to the extent of such partial performance) by the Supplier of the Guaranteed Obligations or by any omission or delay on the part of the Buyer in exercising its rights under this Deed of Guarantee
- it will not be affected by any dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction, reorganisation, change in status, function, control or ownership, insolvency, liquidation, administration, appointment of a receiver, voluntary arrangement, any legal limitation or other incapacity, of the Supplier, the Buyer, the Guarantor or any other person
- if, for any reason, any of the Guaranteed Obligations is void or unenforceable against the Supplier, the Guarantor will be liable for that purported obligation or liability as if the same were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor were principal debtor
- the rights of the Buyer against the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee are in addition to, will not be affected by and will not prejudice, any other security, guarantee, indemnity or other rights or remedies available to the Buyer

The Buyer will be entitled to exercise its rights and to make demands on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee as often as it wishes. The making of a demand (whether effective, partial or defective) relating to the breach or non-performance by the Supplier of

any Guaranteed Obligation will not preclude the Buyer from making a further demand relating to the same or some other Default regarding the same Guaranteed Obligation.

The Buyer will not be obliged before taking steps to enforce this Deed of Guarantee against the Guarantor to:

- obtain judgement against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party in any court
- make or file any claim in a bankruptcy or liquidation of the Supplier or any third party
- take any action against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party
- resort to any other security or guarantee or other means of payment

No action (or inaction) by the Buyer relating to any such security, guarantee or other means of payment will prejudice or affect the liability of the Guarantor.

The Buyer's rights under this Deed of Guarantee are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights provided by Law. The Buyer's rights may be exercised as often as the Buyer deems expedient. Any waiver by the Buyer of any terms of this Deed of Guarantee, or of any Guaranteed Obligations, will only be effective if given in writing and then only for the purpose and upon the terms and conditions on which it is given.

Any release, discharge or settlement between the Guarantor and the Buyer will be conditional upon no security, disposition or payment to the Buyer by the Guarantor or any other person being void, set aside or ordered to be refunded following any enactment or Law relating to liquidation, administration or insolvency or for any other reason. If such condition will not be fulfilled, the Buyer will be entitled to enforce this Deed of Guarantee subsequently as if such release, discharge or settlement had not occurred and any such payment had not been made. The Buyer will be entitled to retain this security before and after the payment, discharge or satisfaction of all monies, obligations and liabilities that are or may become due owing or incurred to the Buyer from the Guarantor for such period as the Buyer may determine.

Representations and warranties

The Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer that:

- the Guarantor is duly incorporated and is a validly existing company under the Laws of its place of incorporation
- has the capacity to sue or be sued in its own name
- the Guarantor has power to carry on its business as now being conducted and to own its Property and other assets
- the Guarantor has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee and no limitation on the powers of the Guarantor will be exceeded as a result of the Guarantor entering into this Deed of Guarantee
- the execution and delivery by the Guarantor of this Deed of Guarantee and the performance by the Guarantor of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee including entry into and performance of a Call-Off Contract following Clause 3) have been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene or conflict with:

- the Guarantor's memorandum and articles of association or other equivalent constitutional documents, any existing Law, statute, rule or Regulation or any judgement, decree or permit to which the Guarantor is subject
- the terms of any agreement or other document to which the Guarantor is a party or which is binding upon it or any of its assets
- all governmental and other authorisations, approvals, licences and consents, required or desirable

This Deed of Guarantee is the legal valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor and is enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

Payments and set-off

All sums payable by the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee will be paid without any set-off, lien or counterclaim, deduction or withholding, except for those required by Law. If any deduction or withholding must be made by Law, the Guarantor will pay that additional amount to ensure that the Buyer receives a net amount equal to the full amount which it would have received if the payment had been made without the deduction or withholding.

The Guarantor will pay interest on any amount due under this Deed of Guarantee at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgement.

The Guarantor will reimburse the Buyer for all legal and other costs (including VAT) incurred by the Buyer in connection with the enforcement of this Deed of Guarantee.

Guarantor's acknowledgement

The Guarantor warrants, acknowledges and confirms to the Buyer that it has not entered into this Deed of Guarantee in reliance upon the Buyer nor been induced to enter into this Deed of Guarantee by any representation, warranty or undertaking made by, or on behalf of the Buyer, (whether express or implied and whether following statute or otherwise) which is not in this Deed of Guarantee.

Assignment

The Buyer will be entitled to assign or transfer the benefit of this Deed of Guarantee at any time to any person without the consent of the Guarantor being required and any such assignment or transfer will not release the Guarantor from its liability under this Guarantee.

The Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Deed of Guarantee.

Severance

If any provision of this Deed of Guarantee is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be severed and the remainder of the provisions will continue in full force and effect as if this Deed of Guarantee had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

Third-party rights

A person who is not a Party to this Deed of Guarantee will have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Deed of Guarantee. This Clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than following that Act.

Governing law

This Deed of Guarantee, and any non-Contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it, will be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Buyer that the courts of England will have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceedings and to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Deed of Guarantee and for such purposes hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts.

Nothing contained in this Clause will limit the rights of the Buyer to take proceedings against the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor will the taking of any such proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not (unless precluded by applicable Law).

The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or in the future to the courts of England being nominated for this Clause on the ground of venue or otherwise and agrees not to claim that any such court is not a convenient or appropriate forum.

[The Guarantor hereby irrevocably designates, appoints and empowers **[enter the Supplier name]** [or a suitable alternative to be agreed if the Supplier's registered office is not in England or Wales] either at its registered office or on fax number **[insert fax number]** from time to time to act as its authorised agent to receive notices, demands, Service of process and any other legal summons in England and Wales for the purposes of any legal action or proceeding brought or to be brought by the Buyer in respect of this Deed of Guarantee. The Guarantor hereby irrevocably consents to the Service of notices and demands, Service of process or any other legal summons served in such way.]

IN WITNESS whereof the Guarantor has caused this instrument to be executed and delivered as a Deed the day and year first before written.

EXECUTED as a DEED by

[Insert name of the Guarantor] acting by [Insert names]

Director

Director/Secretary

Schedule 6: Glossary and interpretations

In this Call-Off Contract the following expressions mean:

Expression	Meaning
Additional Services	Any services ancillary to the G-Cloud Services that are in the scope of Framework Agreement Clause 2 (Services) which a Buyer may request.
Admission Agreement	The agreement to be entered into to enable the Supplier to participate in the relevant Civil Service pension scheme(s).
Application	The response submitted by the Supplier to the Invitation to Tender (known as the Invitation to Apply on the Platform).
Audit	An audit carried out under the incorporated Framework Agreement clauses.

Background IPRs	<p>For each Party, IPRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • owned by that Party before the date of this Call-Off Contract (as may be enhanced and/or modified but not as a consequence of the Services) including IPRs contained in any of the Party's Know-How, documentation and processes • created by the Party independently of this Call-Off Contract, or <p>For the Buyer, Crown Copyright which isn't available to the Supplier otherwise than under this Call-Off Contract, but excluding IPRs owned by that Party in Buyer software or Supplier software.</p>
Buyer	The contracting authority ordering services as set out in the Order Form.
Buyer Data	All data supplied by the Buyer to the Supplier including Personal Data and Service Data that is owned and managed by the Buyer.
Buyer Personal Data	The Personal Data supplied by the Buyer to the Supplier for purposes of, or in connection with, this Call-Off Contract.
Buyer Representative	The representative appointed by the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract.

Buyer Software	Software owned by or licensed to the Buyer (other than under this Agreement), which is or will be used by the Supplier to provide the Services.
Call-Off Contract	This call-off contract entered into following the provisions of the Framework Agreement for the provision of Services made between the Buyer and the Supplier comprising the Order Form, the Call-Off terms and conditions, the Call-Off schedules and the Collaboration Agreement.
Charges	The prices (excluding any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract.

Collaboration Agreement	An agreement, substantially in the form, set out at Schedule 3, between the Buyer and any combination of the Supplier and contractors, to ensure collaborative working in their delivery of the Buyer's Services and to ensure that the Buyer receives end-to-end services across its IT estate.
Commercially Sensitive Information	Information, which the Buyer has been notified about by the Supplier in writing before the Start date with full details of why the Information is deemed to be commercially sensitive.
Confidential Information	<p>Data, Personal Data and any information, which may include (but isn't limited to) any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information about business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel, and third parties, including all Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), together with all information derived from any of the above • other information clearly designated as being confidential or which ought reasonably be considered to be confidential (whether or not it is marked 'confidential').
Control	'Control' as defined in section 1124 and 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. 'Controls' and 'Controlled' will be interpreted accordingly.
Controller	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
Crown	The government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies carrying out functions on its behalf.

Data Loss Event	Event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Call-Off Contract and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach.
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	An assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data.
Data Protection Legislation (DPL)	(i) the UK GDPR as amended from time to time; (ii) the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to Processing of Personal Data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the Processing of Personal Data and privacy.
Data Subject	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR
Default	<p>Default is any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including any fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) • other default, negligence or negligent statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff (whether by act or omission), in connection with or in relation to this Call-Off Contract <p>Unless otherwise specified in the Framework Agreement the Supplier is liable to CCS for a Default of the Framework Agreement and in relation to a Default of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier is liable to the Buyer.</p>
DPA 2018	Data Protection Act 2018.
Effective Date	<p>Refers to the date when the legal rights, obligations, and provisions outlined in the contract become binding and operational between the contracting parties. This date marks the commencement of specific responsibilities, such as service delivery and payment obligations</p> <p>Effective Date for this contract is 1st November 2025</p>

Employment Regulations	The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) ('TUPE') .
End	Means to terminate; and Ended and Ending are construed accordingly.
Environmental Information Regulations or EIR	The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department about the regulations.
Equipment	The Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from CCS or the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.

ESI Reference Number	The 14 digit ESI reference number from the summary of the outcome screen of the ESI tool.
Employment Status Indicator test tool or ESI tool	The HMRC Employment Status Indicator test tool. The most up-to-date version must be used. At the time of drafting the tool may be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-employment-status-fortax
Expiry Date	The expiry date of this Call-Off Contract in the Order Form.
Financial Metrics	<p>The following financial and accounting measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dun and Bradstreet score of 50 • Operating Profit Margin of 2% • Net Worth of 0 • Quick Ratio of 0.7

Force Majeure	<p>A force Majeure event means anything affecting either Party's performance of their obligations arising from any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acts, events or omissions beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party • riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare • acts of government, local government or Regulatory Bodies • fire, flood or disaster and any failure or shortage of power or fuel • industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party isn't reasonably available <p>The following do not constitute a Force Majeure event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any industrial dispute about the Supplier, its staff, or failure in the Supplier's (or a Subcontractor's) supply chain • any event which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions by the Party seeking to rely on Force Majeure • the event was foreseeable by the Party seeking to rely on Force Majeure at the time this Call-Off Contract was entered into • any event which is attributable to the Party seeking to rely on Force Majeure and its failure to comply with its own business continuity and disaster recovery plans
Former Supplier	<p>A supplier supplying services to the Buyer before the Start date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Services. This also includes any Subcontractor or the Supplier (or any subcontractor of the Subcontractor).</p>
Framework Agreement	<p>The clauses of framework agreement RM1557.14 together with the Framework Schedules.</p>

Fraud	Any offence under Laws creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts (including the Misrepresentation Act 1967) or at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to this Call-Off Contract or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.
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Freedom of Information Act or FoIA	The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under the Act together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to the legislation.
G-Cloud Services	The cloud services described in Framework Agreement Clause 2 (Services) as defined by the Service Definition, the Supplier Terms and any related Application documentation, which the Supplier must make available to CCS and Buyers and those services which are deliverable by the Supplier under the Collaboration Agreement.
UK GDPR	The retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).
Good Industry Practice	Standards, practices, methods and process conforming to the Law and the exercise of that degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged in a similar undertaking in the same or similar circumstances.
Government Procurement Card	The government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services.
Guarantee	The guarantee described in Schedule 5.
Guidance	Any current UK government guidance on the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. In the event of a conflict between any current UK government guidance and the Crown Commercial Service guidance, current UK government guidance will take precedence.
Implementation Plan	The plan with an outline of processes (including data standards for migration), costs (for example) of

	implementing the services which may be required as part of Onboarding.
Indicative test	ESI tool completed by contractors on their own behalf at the request of CCS or the Buyer (as applicable) under clause 4.6.
Information	Has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information security management system	The information security management system and process developed by the Supplier in accordance with clause 16.1.
Inside IR35	Contractual engagements which would be determined to be within the scope of the IR35 Intermediaries legislation if assessed using the ESI tool.

Insolvency event	<p>Can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a voluntary arrangement • a winding-up petition • the appointment of a receiver or administrator • an unresolved statutory demand • a Schedule A1 moratorium • a Supplier Trigger Event
Intellectual Property Rights or IPR	<p>Intellectual Property Rights are:</p> <p>(a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade names, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information</p> <p>(b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction

Intermediary	<p>For the purposes of the IR35 rules an intermediary can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the supplier's own limited company • a service or a personal service company • a partnership <p>It does not apply if you work for a client through a Managed Service Company (MSC) or agency (for example, an employment agency).</p>
IPR claim	As set out in clause 11.5.
IR35	IR35 is also known as 'Intermediaries legislation'. It's a set of rules that affect tax and National Insurance where a Supplier is contracted to work for a client through an Intermediary.
IR35 assessment	Assessment of employment status using the ESI tool to determine if engagement is Inside or Outside IR35.

Know-How	All ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the G-Cloud Services but excluding know-how already in the Supplier's or Buyer's possession before the Start date.
Law	Any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgement of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the relevant Party is bound to comply.
Loss	All losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgement, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and ' Losses ' will be interpreted accordingly.
Lot	Any of the 3 Lots specified in the ITT and Lots will be construed accordingly.

Malicious Software	Any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence.
Management Charge	The sum paid by the Supplier to CCS being an amount of up to 1% but currently set at 0.75% of all Charges for the Services invoiced to Buyers (net of VAT) in each month throughout the duration of the Framework Agreement and thereafter, until the expiry or End of any Call-Off Contract.
Management Information	The management information specified in Framework Agreement Schedule 6.
Material Breach	Those breaches which have been expressly set out as a Material Breach and any other single serious breach or persistent failure to perform as required under this Call-Off Contract.
Ministry of Justice Code	The Ministry of Justice's Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

New Fair Deal	The revised Fair Deal position in the HM Treasury guidance: "Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government" issued in October 2013 as amended.
Order	An order for G-Cloud Services placed by a contracting body with the Supplier in accordance with the ordering processes.
Order Form	The order form set out in Part A of the Call-Off Contract to be used by a Buyer to order G-Cloud Services.

Ordered G-Cloud Services	G-Cloud Services which are the subject of an order by the Buyer.
Outside IR35	Contractual engagements which would be determined to not be within the scope of the IR35 intermediaries legislation if assessed using the ESI tool.
Party	The Buyer or the Supplier and 'Parties' will be interpreted accordingly.
Performance Indicators	The performance information required by the Buyer from the Supplier set out in the Order Form.
Personal Data	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
Personal Data Breach	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
Platform	The government marketplace where Services are available for Buyers to buy.
Processing	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
Processor	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.

Prohibited act	<p>To directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or CCS a financial or other advantage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity • reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity • commit any offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ under the Bribery Act 2010 ○ under legislation creating offences concerning Fraud ○ at common Law concerning Fraud ○ committing or attempting or conspiring to commit Fraud
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Project Specific IPRs	Any intellectual property rights in items created or arising out of the performance by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract including databases, configurations, code, instructions, technical documentation and schema but not including the Supplier's Background IPRs.
Property	Assets and property including technical infrastructure, IPRs and equipment.
Protective Measures	Appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymisation and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of such measures adopted by it.
PSN or Public Services Network	The Public Services Network (PSN) is the government's high performance network which helps public sector organisations work together, reduce duplication and share resources.

Regulatory body or bodies	Government departments and other bodies which, whether under statute, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to investigate or influence the matters dealt with in this Call-Off Contract.
Relevant person	Any employee, agent, servant, or representative of the Buyer, any other public body or person employed by or on behalf of the Buyer, or any other public body.
Relevant Transfer	A transfer of employment to which the employment regulations applies.
Replacement Services	Any services which are the same as or substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the services after the expiry or Ending or partial Ending of the Call-Off Contract, whether those services are provided by the Buyer or a third party.
Replacement supplier	Any third-party service provider of replacement services appointed by the Buyer (or where the Buyer is providing replacement Services for its own account, the Buyer).
Security management plan	The Supplier's security management plan developed by the Supplier in accordance with clause 16.1.

Services	The services ordered by the Buyer as set out in the Order Form.
Service Data	Data that is owned or managed by the Buyer and used for the G-Cloud Services, including backup data and Performance Indicators data.
Service definition(s)	The definition of the Supplier's G-Cloud Services provided as part of their Application that includes,

	but isn't limited to, those items listed in Clause 2 (Services) of the Framework Agreement.
Service description	The description of the Supplier service offering as published on the Platform.
Service Personal Data	The Personal Data supplied by a Buyer to the Supplier in the course of the use of the G-Cloud Services for purposes of or in connection with this Call-Off Contract.
Spend controls	The approval process used by a central government Buyer if it needs to spend money on certain digital or technology services, see https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/agile-delivery/spend-controlscheck-if-you-need-approval-to-spend-money-on-a-service
Start date	The Start date of this Call-Off Contract as set out in the Order Form.
Subcontract	Any contract or agreement or proposed agreement between the Supplier and a subcontractor in which the subcontractor agrees to provide to the Supplier the G-Cloud Services or any part thereof or facilities or goods and services necessary for the provision of the G-Cloud Services or any part thereof.
Subcontractor	Any third party engaged by the Supplier under a subcontract (permitted under the Framework Agreement and the Call-Off Contract) and its servants or agents in connection with the provision of G-Cloud Services.
Subprocessor	Any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract.

Supplier	The person, firm or company identified in the Order Form.
Supplier Representative	The representative appointed by the Supplier from time to time in relation to the Call-Off Contract.

Supplier staff	All persons employed by the Supplier together with the Supplier's servants, agents, suppliers and subcontractors used in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.
Supplier Terms	The relevant G-Cloud Service terms and conditions as set out in the Terms and Conditions document supplied as part of the Supplier's Application.
Term	The term of this Call-Off Contract as set out in the Order Form.
Trigger Event	The Supplier simultaneously fails to meet three or more Financial Metrics for a period of at least ten Working Days.
Variation	This has the meaning given to it in clause 32 (Variation process).
Variation Impact Assessment	<p>An assessment of the impact of a variation request by the Buyer completed in good faith, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) details of the impact of the proposed variation on the Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under the Call-Off Contract; b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed variation; c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Charges, any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure

	<p>required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party;</p> <p>d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the variation; and</p> <p>such other information as the Buyer may reasonably request in (or in response to) the variation request;</p>
Working Days	Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.
Year	A contract year.

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Schedule 7: UK GDPR Information

This schedule reproduces the annexes to the UK GDPR schedule contained within the Framework Agreement and incorporated into this Call-off Contract and clause and schedule references are to those in the Framework Agreement but references to CCS have been amended

Annex 1 - Processing Personal Data

This Annex shall be completed by the Controller, who may take account of the view of the Processors, however the final decision as to the content of this Annex shall be with the Buyer at its absolute discretion.

- 1.1 [REDACTED] The contact details of the Buyer's Data Protection Officer are:
- 1.2 1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are: [REDACTED] 1.3 The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.
- 1.4 Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

Description	Details
Identity of Controller and Processor for each Category of Personal Data	The Buyer is Controller and the Supplier is Processor The Parties acknowledge that in accordance with paragraphs 2 to paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 and for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Buyer is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor of the following Personal Data:
Duration of the Processing	<i>For the term of the contract including any agreed extension period</i>
Nature and purposes of the Processing	<i>[Please be as specific as possible, but make sure that you cover all intended purposes. The nature of the Processing means any operation such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of data (whether or not by automated means) etc. The purpose might include: employment processing, statutory obligation, recruitment assessment etc]</i> Collection, recording and storing of data and processing into reports via a web-based portal for the purpose of delivering the Services under this Call-Off Contract and enabling the Buyer to

	meet its obligations under the Children Act 1989. Automatic destruction of data at end of contract
Type of Personal Data	<i>[Examples here include: name, address, date of birth, NI number, telephone number, pay, images, biometric data etc]</i>
Categories of Data Subject	<i>Staff (including volunteers, agents, and temporary workers), admin/managerial staff,</i>
International transfers and legal gateway	<i>[Explain where geographically personal data may be stored or accessed from. Explain the legal gateway you are relying on to export the data e.g. adequacy decision, EU SCCs, UK IDTA. Annex any SCCs or IDTA to this contract]</i>
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete	<i>All data will remain within the payroll system, it will be uploaded by the claimant direct. The data will be held for 7 years.</i>

Annex 2 - Joint Controller Agreement – Not Applicable

Joint Controller Status and Allocation of Responsibilities

1.1 With respect to Personal Data under Joint Control of the Parties, the Parties envisage that they shall each be a Data Controller in respect of that Personal Data in accordance with the terms of this Annex 2 (Joint Controller Agreement) in replacement of paragraphs 2 to 15 of Schedule 7 (Where one Party is Controller and the other Party is Processor) and paragraphs 17 to 27 of Schedule 7 (Independent Controllers of Personal Data). Accordingly, the Parties each undertake to comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Data Controllers.

1.2 The Parties agree that the **[select: Supplier or Buyer]**:

(a) is the exclusive point of contact for Data Subjects and is responsible for using all reasonable endeavours to comply with the UK GDPR regarding the exercise by Data Subjects of their rights under the UK GDPR;

(b) shall direct Data Subjects to its Data Protection Officer or suitable alternative in connection with the exercise of their rights as Data Subjects and for any enquiries concerning their Personal Data or privacy;

(c) is solely responsible for the Parties' compliance with all duties to provide information to Data Subjects under Articles 13 and 14 of the UK GDPR;

(d) is responsible for obtaining the informed consent of Data Subjects, in accordance with the UK GDPR, for Processing in connection with the Services where consent is the relevant legal basis for that Processing; and

(e) shall make available to Data Subjects the essence of this Annex (and notify them of any changes to it) concerning the allocation of responsibilities as Joint Controller and its role as exclusive point of contact, the Parties having used their best endeavours to agree the terms of that essence. This must be outlined in the **[select: Supplier's or Buyer's]** privacy policy (which must be readily available by hyperlink or otherwise on all of its public facing services and marketing).

1.3 Notwithstanding the terms of clause 1.2, the Parties acknowledge that a Data Subject has the right to exercise their legal rights under the Data Protection Legislation as against the relevant Party as Controller.

2. Undertakings of both Parties

2.1 The Supplier and Buyer each undertake that they shall:

(a) report to the other Party every [x] months on:

(i) the volume of Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Requests) from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf);

(ii) the volume of requests from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf) to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;

(iii) any other requests, complaints or communications from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf) relating to the other Party's obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation;

(iv) any communications from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data; and

(v) any requests from any third party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law, that it has received in relation to the subject matter of the Framework Agreement during that period;

(b) notify each other immediately if it receives any request, complaint or communication made as referred to in Clauses 2.1(a)(i) to (v);

(c) provide the other Party with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any request, complaint or communication made as referred to in Clauses 2.1(a)(iii) to (v) to enable the other Party to comply with the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;

(d) not disclose or transfer the Personal Data to any third party unless necessary for the provision of the Services and, for any disclosure or transfer of Personal Data to any third party, (save where such disclosure or transfer is specifically authorised under the Framework Agreement or is required by Law) that disclosure or transfer of Personal Data is otherwise considered to be lawful processing of that Personal Data in accordance with Article 6 of the UK GDPR or EU GDPR (as the context requires). For the avoidance of doubt, the third party to which Personal Data is transferred must be subject to equivalent obligations which are no less onerous than those set out in this Annex;

(e) request from the Data Subject only the minimum information necessary to provide the Services and treat such extracted information as Confidential Information;

(f) ensure that at all times it has in place appropriate Protective Measures to guard against unauthorised or unlawful Processing of the Personal Data and/or accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and unauthorised or unlawful disclosure of or access to the Personal Data;

(g) use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the reliability and integrity of any of its Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that its Personnel:

(i) are aware of and comply with their duties under this Annex 2 (Joint Controller Agreement) and those in respect of Confidential Information;

(ii) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data, are subject to appropriate obligations of confidentiality and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party where the that Party would not be permitted to do so; and

(iii) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of personal data as required by the applicable Data Protection Legislation;

(h) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures as appropriate to protect against a Personal Data Breach having taken account of the:

- (i) nature of the data to be protected;
- (ii) harm that might result from a Personal Data Breach;
- (iii) state of technological development; and
- (iv) cost of implementing any measures;

(i) ensure that it has the capability (whether technological or otherwise), to the extent required by Data Protection Legislation, to provide or correct or delete at the request of a Data Subject all the Personal Data relating to that Data Subject that it holds; and

(j) ensure that it notifies the other Party as soon as it becomes aware of a Personal Data Breach.

(k) where the Personal Data is subject to UK GDPR, not transfer such Personal Data outside of the UK unless the prior written consent of the non-transferring Party has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (i) the destination country has been recognised as adequate by the UK government in accordance with Article 45 of the UK GDPR or DPA 2018 Section 74; or

- (ii) the transferring Party has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with Article 46 of the UK GDPR or DPA 2018 Section 75) as agreed with the non-transferring Party which could include relevant parties entering into the International Data Transfer Agreement (the “**IDTA**”), or International Data Transfer Agreement Addendum to the European Commission’s SCCs (“the **Addendum**”), as published by the Information Commissioner’s Office from time to time, as well as any additional measures;

- (iii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

- (iv) the transferring Party complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the non-transferring Party in meeting its obligations); and

- (v) the transferring Party complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the non-transferring Party with respect to the processing of the Personal Data; and

(l) where the Personal Data is subject to EU GDPR, not transfer such Personal Data outside of the EU unless the prior written consent of the non-transferring Party has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (i) the transfer is in accordance with Article 45 of the EU GDPR; or

- (ii) the transferring Party has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer in accordance with Article 46 of the EU GDPR as determined by the

non-transferring Party which could include relevant parties entering into Standard Contractual Clauses in the European Commission's decision 2021/914/EU or such updated version of such Standard Contractual Clauses as are published by the European Commission from time to time as well as any additional measures;

(iii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

(iv) the transferring Party complies with its obligations under EU GDPR by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the non-transferring Party in meeting its obligations); and

(v) the transferring Party complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the non-transferring Party with respect to the processing of the Personal Data.

2.2 Each Joint Controller shall use its reasonable endeavours to assist the other Controller to comply with any obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Annex in such a way as to cause the other Joint Controller to breach any of its obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation to the extent it is aware, or ought reasonably to have been aware, that the same would be a breach of such obligations.

3. Data Protection Breach

3.1 Without prejudice to Paragraph 3.2, each Party shall notify the other Party promptly and without undue delay, and in any event within 48 hours, upon becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach or circumstances that are likely to give rise to a Personal Data Breach, providing the other Party and its advisors with:

(a) sufficient information and in a timescale which allows the other Party to meet any obligations to report a Personal Data Breach under the Data Protection Legislation; and

(b) all reasonable assistance, including:

(i) co-operation with the other Party and the Information Commissioner investigating the Personal Data Breach and its cause, containing and recovering the compromised Personal Data and compliance with the applicable guidance;

(ii) co-operation with the other Party including using such reasonable endeavours as are directed by the other Party to assist in the investigation, mitigation and remediation of a Personal Data Breach;

(iii) co-ordination with the other Party regarding the management of public relations and public statements relating to the Personal Data Breach; and/or

(iv) providing the other Party and to the extent instructed by the other Party to do so, and/or the Information Commissioner investigating the Personal Data Breach, with complete information relating to the Personal Data Breach, including, without limitation, the information set out in Clause 3.2.

3.2 Each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to restore, re-constitute and/or reconstruct any Personal Data where it has lost, damaged, destroyed, altered or corrupted as a result of

a Personal Data Breach as it was that Party's own data at its own cost with all possible speed and shall provide the other Party with all reasonable assistance in respect of any such Personal Data Breach, including providing the other Party, as soon as possible and within 48 hours of the Personal Data Breach relating to the Personal Data Breach, in particular:

- (a) the nature of the Personal Data Breach;
- (b) the nature of Personal Data affected;
- (c) the categories and number of Data Subjects concerned;
- (d) the name and contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer or other relevant contact from whom more information may be obtained;
- (e) measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the Personal Data Breach; and
- (f) describe the likely consequences of the Personal Data Breach.

4. Audit

4.1 The Supplier shall permit:

- (a) The Buyer, or a third-party auditor acting under the Buyer's direction, to conduct, at the Buyer's cost, data privacy and security audits, assessments and inspections concerning the Supplier's data security and privacy procedures relating to Personal Data, its compliance with this Annex 2 and the Data Protection Legislation; and/or
- (b) The Buyer, or a third-party auditor acting under the Buyer's direction, access to premises at which the Personal Data is accessible or at which it is able to inspect any relevant records, including the record maintained under Article 30 UK GDPR by the Supplier so far as relevant to the Framework Agreement, and procedures, including premises under the control of any third party appointed by the Supplier to assist in the provision of the Services.

4.2 The Buyer may, in its sole discretion, require the Supplier to provide evidence of the Supplier's compliance with Clause 4.1 in lieu of conducting such an audit, assessment or inspection.

5. Impact Assessments

5.1 The Parties shall:

- (a) provide all reasonable assistance to each other to prepare any Data Protection Impact Assessment as may be required (including provision of detailed information and assessments in relation to Processing operations, risks and measures); and
- (b) maintain full and complete records of all Processing carried out in respect of the Personal Data in connection with the Framework Agreement, in accordance with the terms of Article 30 UK GDPR.

6. ICO Guidance

The Parties agree to take account of any non-mandatory guidance issued by the Information Commissioner, any relevant Central Government Body and/or any other regulatory authority. The Buyer may on not less than thirty (30) Working Days' notice to the Supplier amend the Framework Agreement to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner, any relevant Central Government Body and/or any other regulatory authority.

7. Liabilities for Data Protection Breach

7.1 If financial penalties are imposed by the Information Commissioner on either the Buyer or the Supplier for a Personal Data Breach ("**Financial Penalties**") then the following shall occur:

(a) if in the view of the Information Commissioner, the Buyer is responsible for the Personal Data Breach, in that it is caused as a result of the actions or inaction of the Buyer, its employees, agents, contractors (other than the Supplier) or systems and procedures controlled by the Buyer, then the Buyer shall be responsible for the payment of such Financial Penalties. In this case, the Buyer will conduct an internal audit and engage at its reasonable cost when necessary, an independent third party to conduct an audit of any such Personal Data Breach. The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer and its third party investigators and auditors, on request and at the Supplier's reasonable cost, full cooperation and access to conduct a thorough audit of such Personal Data Breach;

(b) if in the view of the Information Commissioner, the Supplier is responsible for the Personal Data Breach, in that it is not a Personal Data Breach that the Buyer is responsible for, then the Supplier shall be responsible for the payment of these Financial Penalties. The Supplier will provide to the Buyer and its auditors, on request and at the Supplier's sole cost, full cooperation and access to conduct a thorough audit of such Personal Data Breach; or

(c) if no view as to responsibility is expressed by the Information Commissioner, then the Buyer and the Supplier shall work together to investigate the relevant Personal Data Breach and allocate responsibility for any Financial Penalties as outlined above, or by agreement to split any financial penalties equally if no responsibility for the Personal Data Breach can be apportioned. In the event that the Parties do not agree such apportionment then such Dispute shall be referred to the procedure set out in clause 32 of the Framework Agreement (Managing disputes).

7.2 If either the Buyer or the Supplier is the defendant in a legal claim brought before a court of competent jurisdiction ("Court") by a third party in respect of a Personal Data Breach, then unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Party that is determined by the final decision of the court to be responsible for the Personal Data Breach shall be liable for the losses arising from such Personal Data Breach. Where both Parties are liable, the liability will be apportioned between the Parties in accordance with the decision of the Court.

7.3 In respect of any losses, cost claims or expenses incurred by either Party as a result of a Personal Data Breach (the "Claim Losses"):

(a) if the Buyer is responsible for the relevant Personal Data Breach, then the Buyer shall be responsible for the Claim Losses;

(b) if the Supplier is responsible for the relevant Personal Data Breach, then the Supplier shall be responsible for the Claim Losses: and

(c) if responsibility for the relevant Personal Data Breach is unclear, then the Buyer and the Supplier shall be responsible for the Claim Losses equally.

7.4 Nothing in either clause 7.2 or clause 7.3 shall preclude the Buyer and the Supplier reaching any other agreement, including by way of compromise with a third party complainant or claimant, as to the apportionment of financial responsibility for any Claim Losses as a result of a Personal Data Breach, having regard to all the circumstances of the Personal Data Breach and the legal and financial obligations of the Buyer.

8. Termination

If the Supplier is in material Default under any of its obligations under this Annex 2 (*Joint Controller Agreement*), the Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the Framework Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier in accordance with Clause 5.1.

9. Sub-Processing

9.1 In respect of any Processing of Personal Data performed by a third party on behalf of a Party, that Party shall:

(a) carry out adequate due diligence on such third party to ensure that it is capable of providing the level of protection for the Personal Data as is required by the Framework Agreement, and provide evidence of such due diligence to the other Party where reasonably requested; and

(b) ensure that a suitable agreement is in place with the third party as required under applicable Data Protection Legislation.

10. Data Retention

The Parties agree to erase Personal Data from any computers, storage devices and storage media that are to be retained as soon as practicable after it has ceased to be necessary for them to retain such Personal Data under applicable Data Protection Legislation and their privacy policy (save to the extent (and for the limited period) that such information needs to be retained by the a Party for statutory compliance purposes or as otherwise required by the Framework Agreement), and taking all further actions as may be necessary to ensure its compliance with Data Protection Legislation and its privacy policy.

Schedule 8 (Corporate Resolution Planning)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Schedule 6 (Glossary and interpretations):

"Accounting Reference Date"	means in each year the date to which the Supplier prepares its annual audited financial statements;
"Annual Revenue"	<p>means, for the purposes of determining whether an entity is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier, the audited consolidated aggregate revenue (including share of revenue of joint ventures and Associates) reported by the Supplier or, as appropriate, the Supplier Group in its most recent published accounts, subject to the following methodology:</p> <p>figures for accounting periods of other than 12 months should be scaled pro rata to produce a proforma figure for a 12 month period; and</p> <p>where the Supplier, the Supplier Group and/or their joint ventures and Associates report in a foreign currency, revenue should be converted to British Pound Sterling at the closing exchange rate on the Accounting Reference Date;</p>
"Appropriate Authority" or "Appropriate Authorities"	means the Buyer and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team or, where the Supplier is a Strategic Supplier, the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team;

“Associates”	means, in relation to an entity, an undertaking in which the entity owns, directly or indirectly, between 20% and 50% of the voting rights and exercises a degree of control sufficient for the undertaking to be treated as an associate under generally accepted accounting principles;
"Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team"	means the UK Government's team responsible for managing the relationship between government and its Strategic Suppliers, or any replacement or successor body carrying out the same function;
“Class 1 Transaction”	has the meaning set out in the listing rules issued by the UK Listing Authority;
“Control”	the possession by a person, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the other person (whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract or otherwise) and “Controls” and “Controlled” shall be interpreted accordingly;
“Corporate Change Event”	means: (a) any change of Control of the Supplier or a Parent Undertaking of the Supplier; (b) any change of Control of any member of the Supplier Group which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, could have a material adverse effect on the Services;

	<p>(c) any change to the business of the Supplier or any member of the Supplier Group which, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, could have a material adverse effect on the Services;</p> <p>(d) a Class 1 Transaction taking place in relation to the shares of the Supplier or any Parent Undertaking of the Supplier whose shares are listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange plc;</p> <p>(e) an event that could reasonably be regarded as being equivalent to a Class 1 Transaction taking place in respect of the Supplier or any Parent Undertaking of the Supplier;</p> <p>(f) payment of dividends by the Supplier or the ultimate Parent Undertaking of the Supplier Group exceeding 25% of the Net Asset Value of the Supplier or the ultimate Parent Undertaking of the Supplier Group respectively in any 12 month period;</p> <p>(g) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of any member of the Supplier Group;</p> <p>(h) any member of the Supplier Group stopping payment of its debts generally or becoming unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any member of the Supplier Group ceasing to carry on all or substantially all its business, or any compromise, composition, arrangement or agreement being made with creditors of any member of the Supplier Group;</p> <p>(i) the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver or administrator in respect of or over all or a material part of the undertaking or assets of any member of the Supplier Group; and/or</p> <p>(j) any process or events with an effect analogous to those in paragraphs (e) to (g) inclusive above occurring to a member of the Supplier Group in a jurisdiction outside England and Wales;</p>
"Corporate Change Event Grace Period"	means a grace period agreed to by the Appropriate Authority for providing CRP

	Information and/or updates to Business Continuity Plan after a Corporate Change Event;
"Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review)"	means part of the CRP Information relating to the Supplier Group to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 and Annex 2 of this Schedule;
"Critical National Infrastructure" or "CNI"	<p>means those critical elements of UK national infrastructure (namely assets, facilities, systems, networks or processes and the essential workers that operate and facilitate them), the loss or compromise of which could result in:</p> <p>major detrimental impact on the availability, integrity or delivery of essential services – including those services whose integrity, if compromised, could result in significant loss of life or casualties – taking into account significant economic or social impacts; and/or</p> <p>significant impact on the national security, national defence, or the functioning of the UK;</p>
"Critical Service Contract"	means the overall status of the Services provided under the Call-Off Contract as determined by the Buyer and specified in Paragraph 2 of this Schedule;
"CRP Information"	means the corporate resolution planning information, together, the:

	<p>(a) Exposure Information (Contracts List);</p> <p>(b) Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review); and</p> <p>(c) Financial Information and Commentary</p>
“Dependent Parent Undertaking”	<p>means any Parent Undertaking which provides any of its Subsidiary Undertakings and/or Associates, whether directly or indirectly, with any financial, trading, managerial or other assistance of whatever nature, without which the Supplier would be unable to continue the day to day conduct and operation of its business in the same manner as carried on at the time of entering into the Call-Off Contract, including for the avoidance of doubt the provision of the Services in accordance with the terms of the Call-Off Contract;</p>
“FDE Group” “Financial Distress Event”	<p>means the IRIS Software Group</p> <p>the credit rating of an FDE Group entity dropping below the applicable Financial Metric;</p> <p>an FDE Group entity issuing a profits warning to a stock exchange or making any other public announcement, in each case about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;</p> <p>there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of an FDE Group entity;</p> <p>an FDE Group entity committing a material breach of covenant to its lenders;</p> <p>a Subcontractor notifying CCS or the Buyer that the Supplier has not satisfied any material sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute;</p> <p>any of the following:</p>

	<p>commencement of any litigation against an FDE Group entity with respect to financial indebtedness greater than £5m or obligations under a service contract with a total contract value greater than £5m;</p> <p>non-payment by an FDE Group entity of any financial indebtedness;</p> <p>any financial indebtedness of an FDE Group entity becoming due as a result of an event of default;</p> <p>the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of an FDE Group entity; or</p> <p>the external auditor of an FDE Group entity expressing a qualified opinion on, or including an emphasis of matter in, its opinion on the statutory accounts of that FDE entity;</p> <p>in each case which the Buyer reasonably believes (or would be likely to reasonably believe) could directly impact on the continued performance and delivery of the Services in accordance with the Call-Off Contract; and</p> <p>any two of the Financial Metrics for the Supplier not being met at the same time.</p>
“Parent Undertaking”	has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
“Public Sector Dependent Supplier”	means a supplier where that supplier, or that supplier’s group has Annual Revenue of £50 million or more of which over 50% is generated from UK Public Sector Business;
“Strategic Supplier”	means those suppliers to government listed at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-suppliers ;

“Subsidiary Undertaking”	has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
“Supplier Group”	means the Supplier, its Dependent Parent Undertakings and all Subsidiary Undertakings and Associates of such Dependent Parent Undertakings;
“UK Public Sector Business”	means any goods, service or works provision to UK public sector bodies, including Central Government Departments and their arm's length bodies and agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies, local authorities, health bodies, police, fire and rescue, education bodies and devolved administrations; and
“UK Public Sector / CNI Contract Information”	means the information relating to the Supplier Group to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraphs 3 to 5 and Annex 1;

2. Service Status and Supplier Status

2.1 This Call-Off Contract 'is not' a Critical Service Contract.

2.2 The Supplier shall notify the Buyer and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team in writing within 5 Working Days of the Start Date and throughout the Call-Off Contract Term within 120 days after each Accounting Reference Date as to whether or not it is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier. The contact email address for the Markets and Suppliers Team is resolution.planning@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

2.3 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in the Framework Agreement, CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

3. Provision of Corporate Resolution Planning Information

3.1 Paragraphs 3 to 5 shall apply if the Call-Off Contract has been specified as a Critical Service Contract under Paragraph 2.1 or the Supplier is or becomes a Public Sector Dependent Supplier.

3.2 Subject to Paragraphs 3.6, 3.10 and 3.11:

3.2.1 where the Call-Off Contract is a Critical Service Contract, the Supplier shall provide the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities with the CRP Information within 60 days of the Start Date; and

3.2.2 except where it has already been provided, where the Supplier is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier, it shall provide the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities with the CRP Information within 60 days of the date of the Appropriate Authority's or Appropriate Authorities' request.

3.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the CRP Information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 3.2, 3.8 and 3.9:

3.3.1 is full, comprehensive, accurate and up to date;

3.3.2 is split into three parts:

- (a) Exposure Information (Contracts List);
- (b) Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review);
- (c) Financial Information and Commentary

and is structured and presented in accordance with the requirements and explanatory notes set out in the latest published version of the Resolution Planning Guidance Note published by the Cabinet Office Government Commercial Function and available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-sourcing-and-consultancy-playbooks> and contains the level of detail required (adapted as necessary to the Supplier's circumstances);

3.3.3 incorporates any additional commentary, supporting documents and evidence which would reasonably be required by the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities to understand and consider the information for approval;

3.3.4 provides a clear description and explanation of the Supplier Group members that have agreements for goods, services or works provision in respect of UK Public Sector Business and/or Critical National Infrastructure and the nature of those agreements; and

3.3.5 complies with the requirements set out at Annex 1 (Exposure Information (Contracts List)), Annex 2 (Corporate Resolvability Assessment (Structural Review)) and Annex 3 (Financial Information and Commentary) respectively.

3.4 Following receipt by the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities of the CRP Information pursuant to Paragraphs 3.2, 3.8 and 3.9, the Buyer shall procure that the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities shall discuss in good faith the contents of the CRP Information with the Supplier and no later than 60 days after the date on which the CRP Information was delivered by the Supplier either provide an Assurance to the Supplier that the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities approve the CRP Information or that the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities reject the CRP Information.

3.5 If the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities reject the CRP Information:

3.5.1 the Buyer shall (and shall procure that the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team shall) inform the Supplier in writing of its reasons for its rejection; and

3.5.2 the Supplier shall revise the CRP Information, taking reasonable account of the Appropriate Authority's or Appropriate Authorities' comments, and shall re-submit the CRP Information to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities for approval within 30 days of the date of the Appropriate Authority's or Appropriate Authorities' rejection. The provisions of paragraph 3.3 to 3.5 shall apply again to any resubmitted CRP Information provided that either Party may refer any disputed matters for resolution under clause 32 of the Framework Agreement (Managing disputes).

3.6 Where the Supplier or a member of the Supplier Group has already provided CRP Information to a central government body or the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team (or, in the case of a Strategic Supplier, solely to the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team) and has received an Assurance of its CRP Information from that central government body and the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team (or, in the case of a Strategic Supplier, solely from the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team), then provided that the Assurance remains Valid (which has the meaning in paragraph 3.7 below) on the date by which the CRP Information would otherwise be required, the Supplier shall not be required to provide the CRP Information under Paragraph 3.2 if it provides a copy of the Valid Assurance to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities on or before the date on which the CRP Information would otherwise have been required.

3.7 An Assurance shall be deemed Valid for the purposes of Paragraph 3.6 if:

3.7.1 the Assurance is within the validity period stated in the Assurance (or, if no validity period is stated, no more than 12 months has elapsed since it was issued and no more than 18 months has elapsed since the Accounting Reference Date on which the CRP Information was based); and

3.7.2 no Corporate Change Events or Financial Distress Events (or events which would be deemed to be Corporate Change Events or Financial Distress Events if the Call-Off Contract had then been in force) have occurred since the date of issue of the Assurance.

3.8 If the Call-Off Contract is a Critical Service Contract, the Supplier shall provide an updated version of the CRP Information (or, in the case of Paragraph 3.8.3 of its initial CRP Information) to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities:

3.8.1 within 14 days of the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event (along with any additional highly confidential information no longer exempted from disclosure under Paragraph 3.11) unless the Supplier is relieved of the consequences of the Financial Distress Event as a result of credit ratings being revised upwards;

3.8.2 within 30 days of a Corporate Change Event unless

(a) the Supplier requests and the Appropriate Authority (acting reasonably) agrees to a Corporate Change Event Grace Period, in the event of which the time period for the Supplier to comply with this Paragraph shall be extended as determined by the Appropriate Authority (acting reasonably) but shall in any case be no longer than six months after the Corporate Change Event. During a Corporate Change Event Grace Period the Supplier shall regularly

and fully engage with the Appropriate Authority to enable it to understand the nature of the Corporate Change Event and the Appropriate Authority shall reserve the right to terminate a Corporate Change Event Grace Period at any time if the Supplier fails to comply with this Paragraph; or

(b) not required pursuant to Paragraph 3.10;

3.8.3 within 30 days of the date that:

(a) the credit rating(s) of each of the Supplier and its Parent Undertakings fail to meet any of the criteria specified in Paragraph 3.10; or

(b) none of the credit rating agencies specified at Paragraph 3.10 hold a public credit rating for the Supplier or any of its Parent Undertakings; and

3.8.4 in any event, within 6 months after each Accounting Reference Date or within 15 months of the date of the previous Assurance received from the Appropriate Authority (whichever is the earlier), unless:

(a) updated CRP Information has been provided under any of Paragraphs 3.8.1 3.8.2 or 3.8.3 since the most recent Accounting Reference Date (being no more than 12 months previously) within the timescales that would ordinarily be required for the provision of that information under this Paragraph 3.8.4; or

(b) not required pursuant to Paragraph 3.10.

3.9 Where the Supplier is a Public Sector Dependent Supplier and the Call-Off Contract is not a Critical Service Contract, then on the occurrence of any of the events specified in Paragraphs 3.8.1 to 3.8.4, the Supplier shall provide at the request of the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities and within the applicable timescales for each event as set out in Paragraph 3.8 (or such longer timescales as may be notified to the Supplier by the Buyer), the CRP Information to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities.

3.10 Where the Supplier or a Parent Undertaking of the Supplier has a credit rating of either:

3.10.1 Aa3 or better from Moody's;

3.10.2 AA- or better from Standard and Poors;

3.10.3 AA- or better from Fitch;

the Supplier will not be required to provide any CRP Information unless or until either (i) a Financial Distress Event occurs (unless the Supplier is relieved of the consequences of the Financial Distress Event due to credit ratings being revised upwards) or (ii) the Supplier and its Parent Undertakings cease to fulfil the criteria set out in this Paragraph 3.10, in which cases the Supplier shall provide the updated version of the CRP Information in accordance with paragraph 3.8.

3.11 Subject to Paragraph 5, where the Supplier demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities that a particular item of CRP Information is highly confidential, the Supplier may, having orally disclosed and discussed that information with the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities, redact or omit that information from the CRP Information provided that if a Financial Distress Event occurs, this

exemption shall no longer apply and the Supplier shall promptly provide the relevant information to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities to the extent required under Paragraph 3.8.

4. Termination Rights

4.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the Call-Off Contract if the Supplier is required to provide CRP Information under Paragraph 3 and either:

4.1.1 the Supplier fails to provide the CRP Information within 4 months of the Start Date if this is a Critical Service Contract or otherwise within 4 months of the Appropriate Authority's or Appropriate Authorities' request; or

4.1.2 the Supplier fails to obtain an Assurance from the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities within 4 months of the date that it was first required to provide the CRP Information under the Call-Off Contract, which shall be deemed to be an event to which Clause 18.4 applies.

5. Confidentiality and usage of CRP Information

5.1 The Buyer agrees to keep the CRP Information confidential and use it only to understand the implications of an Insolvency Event of the Supplier and/or Supplier Group members on its UK Public Sector Business and/or services in respect of CNI and to enable contingency planning to maintain service continuity for end users and protect CNI in such eventuality.

5.2 Where the Appropriate Authority is the Cabinet Office Markets and Suppliers Team, at the Supplier's request, the Buyer shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Cabinet Office enters into a confidentiality and usage agreement with the Supplier containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Buyer under paragraph 5.1 and incorporated Framework Agreement clause 34.

5.3 The Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain consent from any third party which has restricted the disclosure of the CRP Information to enable disclosure of that information to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities pursuant to Paragraph 3 subject, where necessary, to the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement in the form required by the third party.

5.4 Where the Supplier is unable to procure consent pursuant to Paragraph 5.3, the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to disclose the CRP Information to the fullest extent possible by limiting the amount of information it withholds including by:

5.4.1 redacting only those parts of the information which are subject to such obligations of confidentiality;

5.4.2 providing the information in a form that does not breach its obligations of confidentiality including (where possible) by:

- (a) summarising the information;
- (b) grouping the information;
- (c) anonymising the information; and
- (d) presenting the information in general terms

5.5 The Supplier shall provide the Appropriate Authority or Appropriate Authorities with contact details of any third party which has not provided consent to disclose CRP Information where that third party is also a public sector body and where the Supplier is legally permitted to do so.

ANNEX 1: EXPOSURE: CRITICAL CONTRACTS LIST

1 The Supplier shall:

1.1 provide details of all agreements held by members of the Supplier Group where those agreements are for goods, services or works provision and:

(a) are with any UK public sector bodies including: central government departments and their arms-length bodies and agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies, local buyers, health bodies, police fire and rescue, education bodies and the devolved administrations;

(b) are with any private sector entities where the end recipient of the service, goods or works provision is any of the bodies set out in Paragraph 1.1(a) of this Annex 1 and where the member of the Supplier Group is acting as a key sub-contractor under the contract with the end recipient; or

(c) involve or could reasonably be considered to involve CNI;

1.2 provide the Appropriate Authority with a copy of the latest version of each underlying contract worth more than £5m per contract year and their related key sub-contracts, which shall be included as embedded documents within the CRP Information or via a directly accessible link

ANNEX 2: CORPORATE RESOLVABILITY ASSESSMENT (STRUCTURAL REVIEW)

1. The Supplier shall:

1.1 provide sufficient information to allow the Appropriate Authority to understand the implications on the Supplier Group's UK Public Sector Business and CNI agreements listed pursuant to Annex 1 if the Supplier or another member of the Supplier Group is subject to an Insolvency Event;

1.2 ensure that the information is presented so as to provide a simple, effective and easily understood overview of the Supplier Group; and

1.3 provide full details of the importance of each member of the Supplier Group to the Supplier Group's UK Public Sector Business and CNI agreements listed pursuant to Annex 1 and the dependencies between each.

ANNEX 3: Financial information AND COMMENTARY

1 The Supplier shall:

1.1 provide sufficient financial information for the Supplier Group level, contracting operating entities level, and shared services entities' level to allow the Appropriate Authority to understand the current financial interconnectedness of the Supplier Group and the current performance of the Supplier as a standalone entity; and

1.2 ensure that the information is presented in a simple, effective and easily understood manner.

2 For the avoidance of doubt the financial information to be provided pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this Annex 3 should be based on the most recent audited accounts for the relevant entities (or interim accounts where available) updated for any material changes since the Accounting Reference Date provided that such accounts are available in a reasonable timeframe to allow the Supplier to comply with its obligations under this Schedule. If such accounts are not available in that timeframe, to the extent permitted by Law financial information should be based on unpublished unaudited accounts or management accounts (disclosure of which to the Appropriate Authority remains protected by confidentiality).

Schedule 9 - Variation Form

This form is to be used in order to change a Call-Off Contract in accordance with Clause 32 (Variation process)

Contract Details		
This variation is between:	[insert name of Buyer] ("the Buyer") And [insert name of Supplier] ("the Supplier")	
Contract name:	[insert name of contract to be changed] ("the Contract")	
Contract reference number:	[insert contract reference number]	
Details of Proposed Variation		
Variation initiated by:	[delete] as applicable: Buyer/Supplier]	
Variation number:	[insert variation number]	
Date variation is raised:	[insert date]	
Proposed variation		
Reason for the variation:	[insert reason]	
A Variation Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert number] days	
Impact of Variation		
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	[Supplier to insert] assessment of impact]	
Outcome of Variation		
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Buyer to insert] original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause] 	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ [insert amount]
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]
	New Contract value:	£ [insert amount]

1 This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to the Contract and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by Buyer

2 Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.

3 The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Buyer

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Signed by an authorised signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Annex A – Implementation and Mobilisation Plan

Must include completion dates

Staffology HR

Provisioning of Staffology System

The customer will be contacted by the Professional Services team to complete the Provisioning questionnaire which will outline the Setup of the system. This will then be assigned to an Implementation Consultant who will create the system and provide log in details. They will also create support cloud access which will allow the customer to raise support tickets if required. Once the system is provisioned the Customer will be passed to the Project Coordinators who will book in the consultancy sessions

Webinars

The Project Coordinator team will be in contact to arrange session bookings, but will also provide links to the Getting Started and Forms Webinar

The Getting Started will provide high level details of how to get started in the system. The Forms webinar will provide a guide to the forms module.

Both of these are a recorded Webinar which can be accessed at later dates

Data Imports

This is an additional service which can be purchased. Each data template would require its own data import session to be purchased. Eg Employees and Absences would each be a data import session

Booking of Sessions

The Project Coordinator will then contact the customer to book in the consultation sessions. HCMProjects@iris.co.uk please email this address to book in any sessions you require after your initial setup sessions

Teams Invites

The Implementation consultant will send out Teams invites to the customer for each of the sessions at least 1 week in advance of them occurring. They will provide a course outline with each of these invites detailing what is to be covered.

Training sessions

The training sessions will be online and in a one to one capacity with the customer and the consultant. During the session they will access the customers system and share their screen to show sections and explain what is required. At other times the customer may be asked to share their screen and drive the system to show their knowledge and understanding.

Ultimate Package Training Sessions

The sessions are below. Please note that these sessions will be spread out at a pace which suits the customer and with advice from the consultant depending on the size and make up of your organisation. Where there are modules which are not needed then the time can be repurposed, or you can save them and implement the modules in phases over the course of a year

Ultimate – Getting Started Recorded Webinar

Ultimate – Forms Recorded Webinar

Ultimate - Setup and Training Session 1

Ultimate - Setup and Training Session 2

Ultimate - Setup and Training Session 3

Ultimate - Time and Expense Module

Ultimate - Rota Module

Ultimate – Ad Hoc Queries

Additional Services

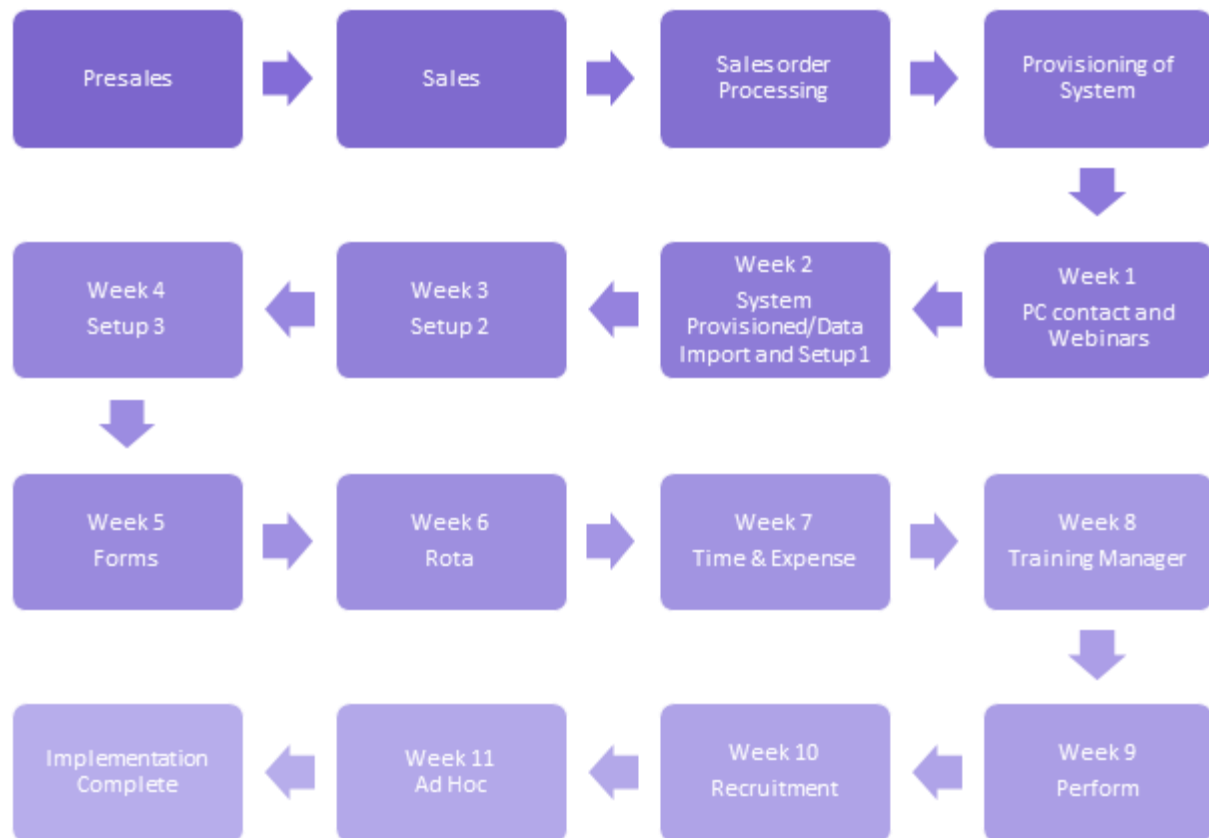
Data Import services	1 session
Bespoke Training	1 session
Adhoc Consultancy / Consultancy support	2 sessions
Adhoc Consultancy / Consultancy support	4 sessions
Adhoc Consultancy / Consultancy support	6 sessions
Payroll Integration	1 session

Potential Project Plan

We advise that each session has at least a week between them as there will be additional work which the customer requires to complete between sessions. This should allow enough time for that to happen.

The sessions can be replanned to suit the customer, but Setup must happen first.

If a module is not required, the consultancy time can be banked for a year from the start of implementation and can be repurposed for refresher training on other modules.



Implementation Complete

Once the implementation is complete the customer will be fully handed over to our support team. Should they have any problems with their system they can log a ticket and a support consultant will contact the customer to resolve.

Training after Implementation or Changes to Account

If the customer wants to make changes to their Licence numbers or account level they can contact their account manager. If they wish to purchase additional training for after implementation, perhaps they have new employees who need training, again they should contact their Account Manager to purchase this time.

Payroll

Refer To document, we can work towards a go live date 6-8 weeks from start to finish



Annex B – Departmental Security Standards

1. Definitions

1. In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement the other definitions in the Contract:

“BPSS” “Baseline Personnel Security Standard”	the Government’s HMG Baseline Personal Security Standard. Further information can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-baseline-personnel-security-standard
“CCSC” “Certified Cyber Security Consultancy”	is the National Cyber Security Centre’s (NCSC) approach to assessing the services provided by consultancies and confirming that they meet NCSC's standards. See website: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/scheme/certified-cyber-consultancy
“CCP” “Certified Professional”	is a NCSC scheme in consultation with government, industry, and academia to address the growing need for specialists in the cyber security profession. See website: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/about-certified-professional-scheme
“Cyber Essentials” “Cyber Essentials Plus”	Cyber Essentials is the government backed industry supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against common cyber-attacks. Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus are levels within the scheme. There are a number of certification bodies that can be approached for further advice on the scheme, the link below points to these providers: https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/getting-certified/#what-is-an-accreditation-body
“Data” “Data Controller” “Data Protection Officer” “Data Processor” “Personal Data”	shall have the meanings given to those terms by the Data Protection Legislation

“Personal Data requiring Sensitive Processing” “Data Subject”, “Process” and “Processing”	
"Buyer's Data" "Buyer's Information"	is any data or information owned or retained to meet departmental business objectives and tasks, including: (a) any data, text, drawings, diagrams, images, or sounds (together with any repository or database made up of any of these components) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical, or tangible media, and which are: (i) supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer; or (ii) which the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or (b) any Personal Data for which the Buyer is the Data Controller;
"Departmental Security Requirements"	the Buyer's security policy or any standards, procedures, process, or specification for security that the Supplier is required to deliver.
"Digital Marketplace / G-Cloud"	the Digital Marketplace is the online framework for identifying and procuring cloud technology and people for digital projects.
"End User Devices"	the personal computer or consumer devices that store or process information.
"Good Industry Standard" "Industry Good Standard"	the implementation of products and solutions, and the exercise of that degree of skill, care, prudence, efficiency, foresight, and timeliness as would be expected from a leading company within the relevant industry or business sector.
"GSC" "GSCP"	the Government Security Classification Policy which establishes the rules for classifying HMG information. The policy is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications
"HMG"	Her Majesty's Government
"ICT"	Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and is used as an extended synonym for information technology (IT), used to describe the bringing together of enabling technologies used to deliver the end-to-end solution
"ISO/IEC 27001" "ISO 27001"	is the International Standard for Information Security Management Systems Requirements
"ISO/IEC 27002" "ISO 27002"	is the International Standard describing the Code of Practice for Information Security Controls.
"ISO 22301"	is the International Standard describing for Business Continuity

<p>“IT Security Health Check (ITSHC)”</p> <p>“IT Health Check (ITHC)”</p> <p>“Penetration Testing”</p>	<p>an assessment to identify risks and vulnerabilities in systems, applications and networks which may compromise the confidentiality, integrity or availability of information held on that ICT system.</p>
<p>“Need-to-Know”</p>	<p>the Need-to-Know principle employed within HMG to limit the distribution of classified information to those people with a clear ‘need to know’ in order to carry out their duties.</p>
<p>“NCSC”</p>	<p>the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is the UK government’s National Technical Authority for Information Assurance. The NCSC website is https://www.ncsc.gov.uk</p>
<p>“OFFICIAL”</p> <p>“OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE”</p>	<p>the term ‘OFFICIAL’ is used to describe the baseline level of ‘security classification’ described within the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP).</p> <p>the term ‘OFFICIAL–SENSITIVE is used to identify a limited subset of OFFICIAL information that could have more damaging consequences (for individuals, an organisation or government generally) if it were lost, stolen, or published in the media, as described in the GSCP.</p>
<p>“RBAC”</p> <p>“Role Based Access Control”</p>	<p>Role Based Access Control, a method of restricting a person’s or process’ access to information depending on the role or functions assigned to them.</p>
<p>“Storage Area Network”</p> <p>“SAN”</p>	<p>an information storage system typically presenting block-based storage (i.e., disks or virtual disks) over a network interface rather than using physically connected storage.</p>
<p>“Secure Sanitisation”</p>	<p>the process of treating data held on storage media to reduce the likelihood of retrieval and reconstruction to an acceptable level.</p> <p>NCSC Guidance can be found at: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/secure-sanitisation-storage-media</p> <p>The disposal of physical documents and hardcopy materials advice can be found at: https://www.cpni.gov.uk/secure-destruction-0</p>
<p>“Security and Information Risk Advisor”</p> <p>“CCP SIRA”</p> <p>“SIRA”</p>	<p>the Security and Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) is a role defined under the NCSC Certified Professional (CCP) Scheme. See also: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/about-certified-professional-scheme</p>
<p>“Senior Information Risk Owner”</p> <p>“SIRO”</p>	<p>the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) responsible on behalf of the DfE Accounting Officer for overseeing the management of information risk across the</p>

	organisation. This includes its executive agencies, arm's length bodies (ALBs), non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) and devolved information held by third parties.
"SPF" "HMG Security Policy Framework"	the definitive HMG Security Policy which describes the expectations of the Cabinet Secretary and Government's Official Committee on Security on how HMG organisations and third parties handling HMG information and other assets will apply protective security to ensure HMG can function effectively, efficiently, and securely. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework
"Supplier Staff"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants, and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract.

Operative Provisions

1.1 The Supplier shall be aware of and comply with the relevant [HMG security policy framework](#), [NCSC guidelines](#) and where applicable these Departmental Security Requirements which include but are not constrained to the following paragraphs.

1.2 Where the Supplier will provide products or Services or otherwise handle information at OFFICIAL for the Buyer, the requirements of [Procurement Policy Note: Updates to the Cyber Essentials Scheme \(PDF\)](#) - [Action Note 09/23](#) dated September 2023, or any subsequent updated document, are mandated, namely that contractors supplying products or services to HMG shall have achieved and will retain Cyber Essentials certification at the appropriate level for the duration of the contract. The certification scope shall be relevant to the Services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Buyer.

1.3 Where paragraph 1.2 above has not been met, the Supplier shall have achieved, and be able to maintain, independent certification to ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management Systems Requirements). The ISO/IEC 27001 certification must have a scope relevant to the Services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Buyer. The scope of certification and the statement of applicability must be acceptable, following review, to the Buyer, including the application of controls from ISO/IEC 27002 (Code of Practice for Information Security Controls).

1.4 The Supplier shall follow the UK Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP) in respect of any Buyer's Data being handled in the course of providing the Services and will handle all data in accordance with its security classification. (In the event where the Supplier has an existing Protective Marking Scheme then the Supplier may continue to use this but must map the HMG security classifications against it to ensure the correct controls are applied to the Buyer's Data).

1.5 Buyer's Data being handled while providing an ICT solution or service must be separated from all other data on the Supplier's or sub-contractor's own IT equipment to protect the Buyer's Data and enable the data to be identified and securely deleted when required in line with paragraph [1.14](#). For information stored digitally, this must

be at a minimum logically separated. Physical information (e.g., paper) must be physically separated.

1.6 The Supplier shall have in place and maintain physical security to premises and sensitive areas used in relation to the delivery of the products or Services, and that store or process Buyer's Data, in line with ISO/IEC 27002 including, but not limited to, entry control mechanisms (e.g., door access), CCTV, alarm systems, etc.

1.6.1 Where remote working is allowed, the Supplier shall have an appropriate remote working policy in place for any Supplier staff that will have access to the Buyer's data and/or systems.

1.7 The Supplier shall have in place, implement, and maintain an appropriate user access control policy for all ICT systems to ensure only authorised personnel have access to Buyer's Data. This policy should include appropriate segregation of duties and if applicable role-based access controls (RBAC). User credentials that give access to Buyer's Data or systems shall be considered to be sensitive data and must be protected accordingly.

1.8 The Supplier shall have in place and shall maintain procedural, personnel, physical and technical safeguards to protect Buyer's Data, including but not limited to:

1.8.1 physical security controls;

1.8.2 good industry standard policies and processes;

1.8.3 malware protection;

1.8.4 boundary access controls including firewalls, application gateways, etc;

1.8.5 maintenance and use of fully supported software packages in accordance with vendor recommendations;

1.8.6 use of secure device configuration and builds;

1.8.7 software updates and patching regimes including malware signatures, for operating systems, network devices, applications and services;

1.8.8 user identity and access controls, including the use of multi-factor authentication for sensitive data and privileged account accesses;

1.8.9 any services provided to the Buyer must capture audit logs for security events in an electronic format at the application, service and system level to meet the Buyer's logging and auditing requirements, plus logs shall be:

1.8.9.1 retained and protected from tampering for a minimum period of six months;

1.8.9.2 made available to the Buyer on request.

1.9 The Supplier shall ensure that any Buyer's Data (including email) transmitted over any public network (including the Internet, mobile networks, or unprotected enterprise network) or to a mobile device shall be encrypted when transmitted.

1.10 The Supplier shall ensure that any Buyer's Data which resides on a mobile, removable, or physically uncontrolled device is stored encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a recognised certification process agreed with the Buyer except where the Buyer has given its prior written consent to an alternative arrangement.

1.11 The Supplier shall ensure that any device which is used to process Buyer's Data meets all of the security requirements set out in the NCSC End User Devices Platform Security Guidance, a copy of which can be found at: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/end-user-device-security> and <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/end-user-device-security/eud-overview/eud-security-principles>.

1.12 Whilst in the Supplier's care all removable media and hardcopy paper documents containing Buyer's Data must be handled securely and secured under lock and key when not in use and shall be securely destroyed when no longer required, using either a cross-cut shredder or a professional secure disposal organisation.

The term 'lock and key' is defined as: "securing information in a lockable desk drawer, cupboard or filing cabinet which is under the user's sole control and to which they hold the keys".

1.13 When necessary to hand carry removable media and/or hardcopy paper documents containing Buyer's Data, the media or documents being carried shall be kept under cover and transported in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorised person has either visual or physical access to the material being carried. This paragraph shall apply equally regardless of whether the material is being carried inside or outside of company premises.

The term 'under cover' means that the information is carried within an opaque folder or envelope within official premises and buildings and within a closed briefcase or other similar bag or container when outside official premises or buildings.

1.14 In the event of termination of Contract due to expiry, as a result of an Insolvency Event or for breach by the Supplier, all information assets provided, created or resulting from provision of the Services shall not be considered as the Supplier's assets and must be returned to the Buyer and written assurance obtained from an appropriate officer of the Supplier that these assets regardless of location and format have been fully sanitised throughout the Supplier's organisation in line with paragraph

1.15.

1.15 In the event of termination, equipment failure or obsolescence, all Buyer's Data and Buyer's Information, in either hardcopy or electronic format, that is physically held or logically stored by the Supplier must be accounted for and either physically returned or securely sanitised or destroyed in accordance with the current HMG policy using an NCSC-approved product or method.

Where sanitisation or destruction is not possible for legal, regulatory or technical reasons, such as data stored in a cloud system, Storage Area Network (SAN) or on shared backup tapes, then the Supplier shall protect (and ensure that any sub-contractor protects) the Buyer's Information and Buyer's Data until such time, which may be long after termination or expiry of the Contract, when it can be securely cleansed or destroyed.

Evidence of secure destruction will be required in all cases.

1.16 Access by Supplier Staff to Buyer's Data, including user credentials, shall be confined to those individuals who have a "need-to-know" in order to carry out their role; and have undergone mandatory pre-employment screening, to a minimum of HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS); or hold an appropriate National Security Vetting clearance as required by the Buyer. All Supplier Staff must complete this process before access to Buyer's Data is permitted. [Any Supplier Staff who will be in contact with children or vulnerable adults must, in addition to any security clearance, have successfully undergone an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check prior to any 1.17 All Supplier Staff who handle Buyer's Data shall have annual awareness training in protecting information.

1.18 Notwithstanding any other provisions as to business continuity and disaster recovery in the Contract, the Supplier shall, as a minimum, have in place robust business continuity arrangements and processes including IT disaster recovery plans and procedures that conform to ISO 22301 to ensure that the delivery of the Contract is not adversely affected in the event of an incident. An incident shall be defined as

any situation that might, or could lead to, a disruption, loss, emergency, or crisis to the Services delivered. If an ISO 22301 certificate is not available, the supplier will provide evidence of the effectiveness of their ISO 22301 conformant business continuity arrangements and processes including IT disaster recovery plans and procedures. This must include evidence that the Supplier has tested or exercised these plans within the last 12 months and produced a written report of the outcome, including required actions.

1.19 Any suspected or actual breach of the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of Buyer's Data, including user credentials, used or handled while providing the Services shall be recorded as a Security Incident. This includes any non-compliance with the Departmental Security Requirements and these provisions, or other security standards pertaining to the solution.

Security Incidents shall be reported to the Buyer immediately, wherever practical, even if unconfirmed or when full details are not known, but always within 24 hours of discovery and followed up in writing. If Security Incident reporting has been delayed by more than 24 hours, the Supplier should provide an explanation about the delay. Regular updates on the Security Incident shall be provided to the Buyer in writing until the incident is resolved.

Security Incidents shall be reported through the Buyer's nominated system or service owner.

Security Incidents shall be investigated by the Supplier with outcomes being notified to the Buyer.

1.20 The Supplier shall ensure that any Supplier ICT systems and hosting environments that are used to handle, store or process Buyer's Data, including Supplier ICT connected to Supplier ICT systems used to handle, store or process Buyer's Data, shall be subject to independent IT Health Checks (ITHC) using an NCSC CHECK Scheme ITHC provider before go-live and periodically (at least annually) thereafter. On request by the Buyer, the findings of the ITHC relevant to the Services being provided are to be shared with the Buyer in full without modification or redaction and all necessary remedial work carried out. In the event of significant security issues being identified, a follow up remediation test may be required, to be determined by the Buyer upon review of the ITHC findings.

1.21 The Supplier or sub-contractors providing the Services will provide the Buyer with full details of any actual or future intent to develop, manage, support, process, or store Buyer's Data outside of the UK mainland. The Supplier or sub-contractor shall not go ahead with any such proposal without the prior written agreement from the Buyer.

1.22 The Buyer reserves the right to audit the Supplier or sub-contractors providing the Services annually, within a mutually agreed timeframe but always within seven days of notice of a request to audit being given. The audit shall cover the overall scope of the Services being supplied and the Supplier's, and any sub-contractors', compliance with the paragraphs contained in this Schedule.

1.23 The Supplier and sub-contractors shall undergo appropriate security assurance activities and shall provide appropriate evidence including the production of the necessary security documentation as determined by the Buyer through the life of the contract. This will include obtaining any necessary professional security resources required to support the Supplier's and sub-contractor's security assurance activities such as: a Security and Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) certified to NCSC Certified

Cyber Security Consultancy (CCSC) or NCSC Certified Cyber Professional (CCP) schemes.

1.24 Where the Supplier is delivering an ICT solution to the Buyer they shall design and deliver solutions and services that are compliant with the HMG Security Policy Framework in conjunction with current NCSC Information Assurance Guidance and Buyer's Policy. The Supplier will provide the Buyer with evidence of compliance for the solutions and services to be delivered. The Buyer's expectation is that the Supplier shall provide written evidence of:

1.24.1 implementation of the foundational set of cyber defence safeguards from the Center for Internet Security Critical Security Controls (CIS CSC v8).

1.24.2 any existing security assurance for the Services to be delivered, such as: ISO/IEC 27001 / 27002 or an equivalent industry level certification issued by an organisation accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

1.24.3 any existing HMG security accreditations or assurance that are still valid including: details of the awarding body; the scope of the accreditation; any caveats or restrictions to the accreditation; the date awarded, plus a copy of the residual risk statement.

1.24.4 documented progress in achieving any security assurance or accreditation activities including whether documentation has been produced and submitted. The Supplier shall provide details of who the awarding body or organisation will be, and date expected.

1.24.5 compliance with the principles of Secure by Design as described at [Secure by Design Principles - UK Government Security](#).

Additional information and evidence to that listed above may be required to ensure compliance with DfE security requirements as part of the DfE security assurance process. Where a request for evidence or information is made by the Buyer, the Supplier will acknowledge the request within 5 working days and either provide the information within that timeframe, or, if that is not possible, provide a date when the information will be provided to the Buyer. In any case, the Supplier must respond to information requests from the Buyer needed to support the security assurance process promptly and without undue delay.

1.25 The Supplier shall contractually enforce all these Departmental Security Requirements onto any third-party suppliers, sub-contractors or partners who will have access to the Buyer's Data in the course of providing the Services, before access to the data is provided or permitted.

1.26 The Supplier shall comply with the [NCSC's social media guidance: how to use social media safely](#) for any web and social media-based communications. In addition, any Communications Plan deliverable must include a risk assessment relating to the use of web and social media channels for the programme, including controls and mitigations to be applied and how the NCSC social media guidance will be complied with. The Supplier shall implement the necessary controls and mitigations within the plan and regularly review and update the risk assessment throughout the contract period. The Buyer shall have the right to review the risks within the plan and approve the controls and mitigations to be implemented, including requiring the Supplier to implement any additional reasonable controls to ensure risks are managed within the Buyer's risk appetite.

1.27 Any Supplier ICT system used to handle, store, or process the Buyer's Data, including any Supplier ICT systems connected to systems that handle, store, or process the Buyer's Data, must have in place protective monitoring at a level that is commensurate with the security risks posed to those systems and the data held. The

Supplier shall provide evidence to the Buyer upon request of the protective monitoring arrangements in place needed to assess compliance with this requirement.

1.28 Where the Supplier is using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and/or Machine Learning (ML) in the delivery of their service to the Buyer, this shall comply with the NCSC's [principles for the security of machine learning](#).