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| **24,could you please confirm that bidders do not need to submit the framework as part of their tender submission? This would allow the partnership to individually and collectively shape the MQF during the mobilisation stage if the bid was to be successful.** | Please refer to question 13 |
| **25,In addition, you make reference to “the modification questions” which “have been shaped around the 8 standards within the framework” – could you please clarify what the modification questions are?** | (Please see amended Clarification question 13 above), Modification question should be 'Technical Questions' and have now been changed in clarification question no 13 above. The technical questions can be found on page 13 of the ITT in the Technical Section which has an quality ratio of 80% of the overall score.  |
| **26,Is the contract divided into lots?** | No |
| **27,What is the value of the contract** | The contract value is on page 6 of the ITT stating, The contract value; £1,564,901 for the initial period of 24 months plus £1,643,147 1+1-year extension. Total contract value including extension is £3,208,048.   |
| **28,In question 2, commissioners make reference to ‘vital storytelling’ – could you please clarify what is meant by this?** | We would like to be able to learn about the providers experience and be able to capture and understand this in the best way possible. We would hope that providers are able to use personal stories and anecdotes to engage the readers whilst sharing their knowledge. We are asking for a clear narrative which includes a framework that helps to engage the audience you are addressing.  |
| **29,Is there likely to be an extension to the current tender submission deadline of  11th September 12:00?****30, Can we understand the rationale behind the current service being re-commissioned?****31, Please clarify whether it is mandatory for bidders to submit the completed mentoring framework for this procurement opportunity?** | No, unfortunately the submission deadline will remain 11th September 2023After completing some engagement sessions and looking at the impact of the service it was decided there is a further need.I can confirm that it is not mandatory for bidders to submit the completed mentoring framework for this procurement opportunity. |