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## **Decontamination Equipment & Associated Maintenance**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02c825

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

Gyle Square (NSS Head Office), 1 South Gyle Crescent

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nhsscotlandprocurement.scot.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Decontamination Equipment & Associated Maintenance

Reference number

NP143/21

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The supply, Installation and Commissioning of Decontamination Equipment for use in Central Decontamination Units (CDU), Endoscopy Decontamination Units (EDU), Local Decontamination Units (LDU) and Laboratories including: Sterilisers, Washer Disinfectors, Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment, Endoscope Storage and Drying Cabinets, together with associated Maintenance/Testing, Accessories and Consumables for each Lot.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
10

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Central Decontamination Unit (CDU) Washers - e.g Single Chamber, Multi Chamber, and Trolley Washers

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN ISO 15883/SHTM 01-01 (Part D) compliant CDU Washer Disinfectors to single or multiple CDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' CDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment. Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing**

## **system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Central Decontamination Unit (CDU) Sterilisers – e.g. Steam (inc generation) and Vapour

Lot No

2

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN 285/SHTM 01-01 (Part C) compliant CDU steam sterilising equipment to single or multiple CDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' CDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment. Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Central Decontamination Unit (CDU) Low Temperature Sterilisers

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN 17180/SHTM 01-01 (Part E) compliant CDU low temperature sterilising equipment to single or multiple CDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' CDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment.

Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**



Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Endoscopy Decontamination Unit (EDU) Endoscopy Washer Disinfectors

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN ISO 15883/SHTM 2030 compliant EDU Endoscope Washer Disinfectors to single or multiple EDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' EDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment.

Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

Should there be a requirement for EDU Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment equipment as part of any order for EDU EWDs, the Endoscope Washer Disinfector supplier would be expected to take the role of prime contractor and ensure any RO installation meets the requirements described in BS EN ISO 15883.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic

catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Endoscopy Decontamination Unit (EDU) - Controlled Environment Storage Cabinet/Systems for Endoscopes

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide a compliant EDU Storage and Drying Cabinets and Endoscopy Storage System including associated Installation and Commission to single or multiple EDUs across NHS Scotland together with associated Maintenance of the equipment, accessories and consumables. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' EDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment. Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Reverse Osmosis

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide a compliant Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment equipment and associated Installation and Commission to CDUs and EDUs across NHS Scotland together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' and/or replacement of existing equipment. Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

Supply of EDU Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment equipment is expected only to be as part of a wider EDU WD design and installation where the Endoscope Washer supplier would be expected to take the role of prime contractor.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Local Decontamination Unit (LDU) Washer - e.g. Benchtop, under-bench, free standing and pass through

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN ISO 15883/SHTM 01-05/SHTM 2030 compliant LDU Washer Disinfectors to single or multiple LDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' LDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment.

Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Local Decontamination Unit (LDU) Sterilisers - Type N and Type B

Lot No

8

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance



Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS EN 13060/SHTM 2010/SHTM 01-05 compliant LDU steam sterilising equipment (Type N, B and S) to single or multiple LDUs across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' LDUs and/or replacement of existing equipment.

Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Laboratory Sterilisers

Lot No

9

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide, install and commission BS 2646/SHTM 01-02 (Part C) compliant steam sterilising equipment to single or multiple laboratories across NHS Scotland, together with associated maintenance of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' facilities and/or replacement of existing equipment.

Bidders must demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union

funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Non-Invasive Ultrasound Probe Disinfectors

Lot No

10

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42924720 - Decontamination equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Any, or all locations of NHS Scotland including independent dental contractors to NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To provide BS EN ISO 14937 compliant equipment capable of Disinfecting Endocavity (Transvaginal and Transrectal Ultrasound) Probes. The requirement also includes associated Installation and Commission to single or multiple sites across NHS Scotland together with associated Maintenance

of the equipment and accessories. Our requirement may relate to 'new build' and/or replacement of existing equipment. Bidders must

demonstrate the suitability of the equipment and their ability to provide technical support and training.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality & Performance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Support / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two (2) optional extension periods, both consisting of twelve (12) months may be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

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### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in breach of any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

In order to confirm Potential Framework Participants economic and financial capacity the Authority may request some, or all of the following:

- (1) Appropriate statements from the Potential Framework Participant's bankers or where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;
- (2) Statements of accounts or extracts from those accounts relating to the business of the Potential Framework Participant where publication of the statement is required under the law of the relevant State in which the Potential Framework Participant is established; or
- (3) Where appropriate, a statement, covering the three previous financial years of the Potential Framework Participant, of –
  - (a) the overall turnover of the business of the Potential Framework Participant; and
  - (b) where appropriate, the turnover in respect of the goods or services which are of similar type to the subject matter of this Framework Agreement
- 4) Where the Potential Framework Participant is unable for a valid reason to provide the information required, the Authority may accept such other information provided by the Potential Framework Participant as the Authority considers appropriate.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to ITT

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

All tendered products must evidence compliance with relevant Scottish Health Technical Memorandums and any relevant ISO, or standards, listed with tender documents.

— All devices must have relevant UKCA / CE marking.

— Bidders must guarantee response (on site) within 24 hours (48 hours for remote and Island areas) to warranty call out.

— Bidders must guarantee your tendered cycle times and conditions associated with the guarantee.

— Bidders must provide COSHH data sheets for all validated chemicals associated with tendered equipment.

Additionally, a number of product specific mandatory requirements are detailed within tender documents.

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 30

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Due to the significant capital investment required by NHS Scotland Health Boards e.g. new decontamination equipment. Potential 72 month framework supports need for Health Boards to achieve sufficient return on investment whilst offering the best value. Any decision to exercise the two (2) additional twelve (12) month extension options, will be determined during the 4th year of the framework.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-016563](#)

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

12 October 2021

Local time



10:00am

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 October 2021

Local time

10:00am

Place

National Distribution Centre, 2 Swinhill Avenue, Canderside, ML9 2QX

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19321. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: [http://](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363)

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363)

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: [http://](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361)

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361)

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Potential Framework Participants will be requested to provide details of any community benefits that will result from their organisation being awarded to the Framework.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 19321. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

In accordance with the Procurement Reform Act 2014, Potential Framework Participants will be requested to provide details of any community benefits that will result from their organisation being awarded to the Framework

(SC Ref:663302)

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Email

[edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://www.nhsscotlandprocurement.scot.nhs.uk/>

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification has previously been made)

applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the framework agreement which notification will contain among other information,

a summary of the reasons why the economic operator was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a

minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which

the authority despatches the notice(s) and the date on which the authority proposes to conclude the relevant framework agreement. The

bringing of court proceedings against the authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into

the framework agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to

an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the framework agreement has been entered into include the

setting aside of the decision to award the framework agreement to the winning tenderer(s). The bringing of court proceedings against the

Authority after the framework agreement has been entered into will not affect the framework agreement unless grounds for the imposition

of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise the remedies that may be

awarded by the courts where the framework agreement has been entered into are limited to the award of damages. Economic operators are

entitled to write to the authority after receipt of the notification should they require further clarification.