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#### Planning

# Imaging, Radiotherapy, Endoscopy, Ancillary Devices and Related Goods and Services

NHS Supply Chain

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## Section I: Contracting authority

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Buyer's address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement

## I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

## I.5) Main activity

Health

# Section II: Object

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

## II.1.1) Title

Imaging, Radiotherapy, Endoscopy, Ancillary Devices and Related Goods and Services

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 33100000 - Medical equipments

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

SCCL awarded a framework agreement for Imaging, Radiotherapy, Endoscopy, Ancillary Devices and Related Goods and Services on 1st April 2022 (the Framework Agreement).

The Framework Agreement anticipated that at time of exercising the options to extend, specifications would be reviewed in light of technological advancements and market developments during the term with a view to re-open the Framework Agreement and invite new and existing suppliers to respond to a tender exercise that may award new suppliers and new products onto the Framework Agreement.

In line with original invitation to tender SCCL is exercising that option to re-open the framework to products and suppliers not currently on the existing framework agreement.

This PIN invites interest from suppliers to express interest in the forthcoming procurement exercise to join the Framework Agreement.

Any supplier who is not currently awarded to a Framework Agreement will be required to meet specified requirements which include, and are not limited to, adhering to the equipment specification and industry standards, ability to provide product support, and financial requirements before appointment to the Framework Agreement.

Precise quantities are unknown and is anticipated that initial expenditure will be between  $\pounds700,000,000$  to  $\pounds1,000,000,000$  in the first year of the extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 22

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

CT Scanners and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

1

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

- 33115100 CT scanners
- 33115200 CAT scanners

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Computer tomography (CT) scanners and all associated options related to the equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £75,000,000 to £100,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those

bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

MRI Scanners and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

2

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

- 33111610 Magnetic resonance unit
- 33113000 Magnetic resonance imaging equipment
- 33113100 Magnetic resonance scanners

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners and all associated options related to the equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £75,000,000 to £100,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

II.2.1) Title

Nuclear Medicine Imaging and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

3

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

- 33113110 Nuclear magnetic resonance scanners
- 33151100 Gamma therapy devices

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Nuclear medicine imaging systems and all associated options related to the equipment. This includes positron emission tomography computed tomography (PET CT) and positron emission tomography magnetic resonance imaging (PET MRI) and the specific IT solutions related to the equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £35,000,000 to £45,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Fluoroscopy and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

4

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

- 33111400 X-ray fluoroscopy devices
- 33111700 Angiography room
- 33111721 Digital angiography devices
- 33182400 Cardiac X-ray system

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Fluoroscopy systems and all associated options related to imaging equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds 10,000,000$  to  $\pounds 15,000,000$  in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Mobile Image Intensifiers and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

5

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

- 33111000 X-ray devices
- 33111800 Diagnostic X-ray system

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Mobile image intensifiers (MII) including flat panel detector and mini C-Arm systems and all associated options related to imaging equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds$  15,000,000 to  $\pounds$  20,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

#### **II.2)** Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Mobile X-Ray Systems and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

#### 6

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

- 33000000 Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- 33111000 X-ray devices

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Mobile X-ray systems and all associated options related to imaging equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds 10,000,000$  to  $\pounds 15,000,000$  in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Static X-Ray Systems and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

7

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

- 33111000 X-ray devices
- 33111100 X-ray table
- 33111800 Diagnostic X-ray system

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

#### NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Static X-ray radiography systems and all associated options related to imaging equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds$  30,000,000 to  $\pounds$  40,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Contrast Injectors, Consumables and Associated Options

Lot No

#### 8

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

- 33110000 Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use
- 33140000 Medical consumables
- 33141310 Syringes

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Contrast injectors for use with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), angiography, cardiovascular, positron emission tomography computed tomography (PET CT) systems and all associated options linked to this equipment and contrast injector consumables for use with the full range of contrast injectors. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £5,000,000 to £8,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Lithotripsy and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

9

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

• 33153000 - Lithotripter

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Lithotripters and all associated options related to this equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds 2,500,000$  to  $\pounds 4,000,000$  in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Bone Densitometers and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

10

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

• 33111660 - Bone densitometers

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Bone densitometer systems including full body, peripheral/portable and all associated options related to imaging equipment. This Lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £800,000 to £3,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

## II.2.1) Title

Ultrasound Scanners and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

11

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

- 33000000 Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- 33111000 X-ray devices

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Ultrasound scanning systems and all associated devices and options linked to this equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £85,000,000 to £110,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Mammography Imaging Systems and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

#### 12

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

• 33111650 - Mammography devices

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Mammography imaging systems and all associated options related to this equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £25,000,000 to £35,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

#### **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Specimen Cabinets and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

13

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

• 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Specimen cabinets and associated options and related services for the storing of samples and biopsies. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £4,000,000 to £7,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

II.2.1) Title

Bladder Scanners and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

14

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

- 33124110 Diagnostic systems
- 33125000 Urology, exploration devices

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Bladder scanners and all associated options related to the equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £9,000,000 to £14,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Radiotherapy Treatment Systems and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

15

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

- 33150000 Radiotherapy, mechanotherapy, electrotherapy and physical therapy devices
- 33151000 Radiotherapy devices and supplies

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Radiotherapy treatment systems including linear accelerators, image guided IMRT systems with treatment planning, brachytherapy, superficial X-ray and unique oncology systems and all associated options related to this equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey

arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £85,000,000 to £110,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Radiotherapy IT Solutions and Associated Options and related Services

Lot No

16

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

- 33120000 Recording systems and exploration devices
- 33150000 Radiotherapy, mechanotherapy, electrotherapy and physical therapy devices
- 33151000 Radiotherapy devices and supplies
- 33158210 Stimulator

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Radiotherapy IT solutions including record and verify, treatment planning and simulation software and systems and all associated options. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £15,000,000 to £20,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Radiotherapy Ancillary Devices Including Dosimetry, Patient Positioning and Quality Assurance Devices

Lot No

17

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

- 33150000 Radiotherapy, mechanotherapy, electrotherapy and physical therapy devices
- 33151000 Radiotherapy devices and supplies
- 33151400 Radiotherapy supplies
- 38341200 Radiation dosimeters
- 38500000 Checking and testing apparatus

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Radiotherapy ancillary devices including positioning aids, quality assurance (QA) and dosimeter devices and all associated options. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £15,000,000 to £20,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Brachytherapy Seeds and Associated Accessories

Lot No

18

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

- 33112300 Ultrasound scanners
- 33151000 Radiotherapy devices and supplies
- 33151400 Radiotherapy supplies

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Permanent brachytherapy seeds and associated accessories. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £1,500,000 to £3,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this

is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

Surgical Navigation Systems, Accessories and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

19

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

• 33169500 - Surgical tracking and tracing systems

## II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Surgical navigation systems, accessories and associated options with this equipment for use in surgery. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

## II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of  $\pounds 10,000,000$  to  $\pounds 15,000,000$  in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Flexible Endoscopes and associated options and Related Services

Lot No

20

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

- 33168000 Endoscopy, endosurgery devices
- 33168100 Endoscopes

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Flexible endoscopes and all associated devices and options linked to this equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £120,000,000 £150,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Endoscopes and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

21

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

- 33168000 Endoscopy, endosurgery devices
- 33168100 Endoscopes

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

ENT endoscopes and all associated devices and options linked to this equipment. this lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment, and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £15,000,000 £20,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

#### **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.1) Title

Rigid Endoscopes and Associated Options and Related Services

Lot No

22

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

- 33162000 Operating theatre devices and instruments
- 33162100 Operating-theatre devices
- 33168000 Endoscopy, endosurgery devices

• 33168100 - Endoscopes

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations in the UK

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

Rigid and semi rigid endoscopes covering endoscopes, camera systems, and associated equipment. This lot will also cover the provision of related services such as point of sale maintenance, training, turnkey arrangements between trusts and the equipment providers, options for siting equipment, warranty of equipment and loan and rental equipment.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £60,000,000 to £80,000,000 in the first year of this extension period, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 January 2024

## Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1)** Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

# Section VI. Complementary information

## VI.3) Additional information

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants may be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

- ISO9001:2015 accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) to cover all segments of the Applicant's supply chain. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment/bulk buy initiatives.

Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier, however 1) NHS Supply Chain, 2) any NHS Trust; 3) any other NHS entity; 4) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 5) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the Supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the Framework.

The Supplier will be required to report to and pay a direct contract management fee to NHS Supply Chain as detailed in the tender documents.