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## **National Digital Type 2 Diabetes Remission Programme**

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

F02: Contract notice

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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)

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EH12 9EB

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

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

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/>

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**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**

National Digital Type 2 Diabetes Remission Programme

Reference number

NP510225

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Scotland wishes to implement a single supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of a National Digital Type 2 Diabetes Remission Programme for Total Diet Replacement (TDR) products and associated Peripherals as well as c. 3000 behavioural interventions for service users (calculated over the initial 3-years of the Framework term) across Scotland. The Framework Agreement will be for a 4 year period.

The Contracting Authority and all NHS Scotland Health Boards or Special Health Boards constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 will be entitled to call off the Framework Agreement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 98334000 - Wellness services
- 15882000 - Dietetic products
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85312310 - Guidance services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85323000 - Community health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Locations throughout NHS Scotland

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as National Services Scotland) ('NSS') acting through its division National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement of the supply and delivery of the provision of a National Digital Type 2 Diabetes Remission Programme. The programme will support eligible individuals with type 2 diabetes in achieving remission through a structured, digitally delivered intervention. It will be delivered in three phases:

Total Diet Replacement (TDR): 12–20 weeks

Food Reintroduction: 6–12 weeks

Weight Loss Maintenance: Up to 12 months

The Framework Agreement will be for a 4 year period.

The Service aims to deliver a National Digital Type 2 Diabetes Remission Programme. Total Diet Replacement (TDR) is expected to be with shakes and soups (delivered directly to a Service Users home). A range of digital services (app-based / online delivery models) are expected to support the Food Re-introduction and Weight Loss Maintenance phases

with flexibility to allow service users to repeat stages of the intervention as determined by Healthcare professionals.

The proposed framework will aim to support adults living with Type 2 Diabetes who meet clinically appropriate eligibility criteria, through digitally delivered weight management and lifestyle behaviour change interventions that support remission of Type 2 Diabetes and improve metabolic health.

Scope of Services to include:

- A fully digital application offering personalised behavioural support, weight management, nutritional education, and physical activity guidance.
- Real-time support sessions from Health Coach (digitally).
- Tracking of food and drink intake, weight, blood pressure, blood glucose, exercise.
- Clinical oversight and data integration capabilities (where appropriate) with NHS Scotland systems.
- Culturally appropriate and inclusive service design to meet the needs of Scotland's diverse population.
- Demonstrable outcomes in line with Scottish clinical standards e.g., SIGN 172 guidelines.
- Evidence of scalability, user engagement, data privacy compliance, and robust outcome tracking.

The successful Framework Provider will be expected to use and/or integrate with NHS Scotland systems in provision of its services and its direct relationship with Primary Care and the National Diabetes Remission Team (NDRT).

Such systems include, for example, a referral management system (SCI Gateway), and middleware platforms (National Digital Platform/National Integration Platform) to facilitate GP and Health Board interactions, and for provision of data reporting.

Phase 1: Digital Solution requires implementation to be complete for January 2026: As per Appendix 1 (Statement of Requirements) of the Invitation To Tender (ITT) and in particular Solution Architecture referenced at Annex 9. This first phase of the programme requires Framework Participants to obtain direct access to NHS Scotland's Referral System. It is expected that Primary Care Clinicians will refer eligible Service Users to the Framework Participant via a SCI Gateway referral using a pre-designed referral protocol. This will require the Framework Participant to have a SWAN connection to allow the Framework Participant to sign in to SCI Gateway which is only available on SWAN.

Phase 2: Post January 2026 and subject to programme success and securing business as usual (BAU) funding, NHS Scotland may look to develop tighter technical integrations with the Framework Participant to automate more of the end-to-end process.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Non-Functional Requirements / Weighting: 47

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Requirements / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: Implementation / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Demonstrations / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,600,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

During the term of the Framework Agreement, NHS Scotland reserves the right, should funding become available, to increase the volume of service users. For example, additional purchases may be made which exceed the level of funding currently secured based on project success which supports wider use.

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**Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**
**III.1) Conditions for participation****III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders are required to provide statement of accounts or extracts relating to their business for the previous 3 years.

Where any risks identified by NSS as part of the due diligence carried out on the above information NSS may require Bidders to provide additional information to demonstrate financial standing.

Bidders who cannot provide suitable evidence of a secure financial standing may be excluded from the procurement.

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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 a single operator

#### **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: [2025/S 000-020635](#)

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

Date

19 August 2025

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

19 August 2025

Local time

10:00am

Place

National Services Scotland, National Procurement via PCS-T

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

National Services Scotland, National Procurement via PCS-T



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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 Framework Agreement will be for a 4-year period, however only three (3) years funding is currently secured. The estimated values at Section II.1.5 and Section II.2.6 are an estimate of the total value over the full 4-year period of the Framework Agreement.

During the term of the Framework Agreement. NHS Scotland reserves the right, should funding become available, to increase the volume of service users (current estimate of 3000 over the initial 3-years of the Framework Agreement term) who may access the Programme. For example, additional purchases may be made which exceed the level of funding currently secured as a result of clinical and service outcomes and benefits which support wider use.

It is not anticipated that this would alter the overall nature or scope of the contract, only additional volume of referrals.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29109. For more information see:

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

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Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

This framework will not be Sub-contracted.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:  
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

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

The Statement of Requirements will detail the Community

Benefit background and objectives. The contract will mandate that suppliers respond in its tender outlining current Community Benefits

and proposals if successful and mandating that they support the overall Community Benefit concept and process including a contract and

supplier management process post award.

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

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

Sheriff Court House

27 Chamber Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

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

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. The authority will respond within

15 days of such a written request, but it should be noted that receipt by the authority of such request during the standstill period may not

prevent the authority from awarding the framework agreement following the expiry of the standstill period. Economic operators should

approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts: An economic operator

that suffers or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts(Scotland) Regulations 2015

or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom