



**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**OF**  
**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**  
**FOR GOODS**

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# 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Agreement the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

**“Authority”** means the Common Services Agency, a statutory body constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, as amended, acting through NP whose regional offices are at Canderside, 2 Swinhill Avenue, Larkhall ML9 2QX;

**“Authority Manager”** means the individual named by the Authority in the Invitation to Tender as the **“Manager of the Commodity”**;

**“Community Benefits”** means any activity, obligations and/or undertakings identified as community benefits or their equivalent in the Invitation to Tender, the Tender, any document issued by a Participating Authority pursuant to a Mini Tender Process or the Contractor’s response thereto or otherwise in this Framework Agreement;

**“Confidential Information”** means (a) all information relating to the identity, condition or medical history of any person or other personal information where disclosure is prohibited in terms of the DPA; and (b) all information the disclosure of which would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person;

**“Contract”** means a contract between a Participating Authority and the Contractor constituted pursuant to an Order which shall be subject to the Contractor Terms, the provisions of the Invitation to Tender, the Tender, the Letter of Award and in respect of an Order submitted pursuant to a Mini Tender Process, the Invitation to Tender, Tender and Letter of Award applicable to such process;

**“Contractor”** means the Framework Participant to whom an Order has been submitted by a Participating Authority pursuant to the Framework Agreement;

**“Contractor Terms”** means:-  
(a) the NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods;

- (b) the NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods;

(in each case as varied by the Letter of Award); and

- (c) any special terms agreed in Writing between a Participating Authority and the Contractor pursuant to a Mini Tender Process;

**“Contract Pricing”**

means the Contractor’s price for, or related to, the Goods set out in the Tender, subject to any specific provision in the Letter of Award, as detailed pursuant to a Mini Tender Process, or as amended pursuant to Clause 7.1;

**“CPI”**

means the Consumer Prices Index for all items published from time to time by the Central Statistics Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer or by the Office of National Statistics or, if the said Index ceases to be published, such index or other means of assessment of inflation as is deemed equivalent and most appropriate by the Authority acting reasonably;

**“Day”**

means, unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Tender, a day that does not fall on any of the following days:-

- Saturday;
- Sunday;
- the Friday immediately preceding the Sunday on which Easter falls;
- the Monday immediately following the Sunday on which Easter falls;
- 25<sup>th</sup> December, or when 25<sup>th</sup> December falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December;
- 26<sup>th</sup> December, or when 26<sup>th</sup> December falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December;

**“Different Cost”**

means any price, cost or rate charged by the Contractor to a Participating Authority for the supply of Goods by the Contractor which is higher or lower than the cost set out in the Contract Pricing payable for such Goods in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement (other than any lower price, cost or rate proposed by the Contractor in a Mini Tender Process);

**“Directive”**

means Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on public

	procurement;
<b>“DPA”</b>	means the Data Protection Act 1998;
<b>“ECJ”</b>	means the Court of Justice of the European Union;
<b>“Effective Date”</b>	means the date upon which the Framework Agreement shall come into effect, such date being set out in the Letter of Award;
<b>“Framework Agreement”</b>	means the framework agreement constituted between the Authority and each Framework Participant on the basis of the Letter of Award, the Framework Principal Conditions, the NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods and the NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods (if any), the Invitation to Tender, the Tender and any clarifications thereto expressly referred to in the Letter of Award;
<b>“Framework Agreement Period”</b>	means the Initial Framework Agreement Period, and where extended pursuant to Clause 2.2 the Initial Framework Agreement Period as extended;
<b>“Framework Participant”</b>	means:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) each supplier which returns a signed duplicate copy of the Letter of Award to the Authority;</li> <li>(b) as from the relevant Substitution Date, any Replacement Supplier approved by the Authority pursuant to Clause 9.4;</li> </ul>
<b>“Framework Principal Conditions”</b>	means these terms and conditions, and not for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions contained in any part or parts of the Schedule to the Framework Agreement;
<b>“Goods”</b>	means, subject always to Clause 1.4, all goods (including Services, if any), materials or articles that each Framework Participant is required to supply pursuant to each Contract under the Framework Agreement, as set out in the Specification;
<b>“Index”</b>	means the index specified in the Invitation to Tender or if none, the CPI;
<b>“Initial Framework Agreement Period”</b>	means the initial period during which the Framework Agreement shall subsist being such period as is detailed in the Invitation to Tender issued by the Authority, but excluding any extensions to such period (if any) agreed

pursuant to Clause 2.2;

**“Insolvent”**

means:-

- (a) if the Framework Participant is an individual, that individual, or where the Framework Participant is a partnership, any partner(s) in that firm, becomes bankrupt or shall have a receiving order, administration order or interim order made against him, or shall make any composition or scheme of arrangement with or for the benefit of his creditors, or shall make any conveyance or assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or shall purport to do or appears unable to pay or to have no reasonable prospect of being able to pay, a debt within the meaning of Section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or he shall become apparently insolvent within the meaning of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 as amended, or any application shall be made under the Bankruptcy or Insolvency Act for the time being in place for sequestration of his estate, or a trust deed shall be granted by him for the benefit of his creditors;
- (b) if the Framework Participant is a company, the passing by the Framework Participant of a resolution for its winding-up or the making by a court of competent jurisdiction of an order for the winding-up of the Framework Participant or the dissolution of the Framework Participant, or if a receiver, manager or administrator is appointed, or documents are filed with the court for the appointment of a receiver, manager or administrator or notice of intention to appoint a receiver, manager or administrator is given by the Framework Participant or its directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986), or circumstances arise which entitle the court or a creditor to appoint a receiver, manager or administrator or which entitle the court to make a winding-up order, or the Framework Participant is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986,

or if the Framework Participant makes an arrangement with its creditors generally or makes an application to a court of competent jurisdiction for protection from its creditors generally; and

- (c) any event under the law of any other jurisdiction other than Scotland which is analogous to any of the above;

**“Intellectual Property”**

means any and all patents, registered and unregistered trade marks, trade and business names, domain names, registered designs, unregistered design rights and other rights in designs utility models, applications for and the right to make applications for any of such rights, know-how, Confidential Information, including rights in any get-up or trade dress, copyrights (including rights in computer software and in websites) and rights in databases, subsisting anywhere in the world, and **“Intellectual Property Rights”** shall be construed accordingly;

**“Invitation to Tender”**

means the invitation to tender relating to the Goods issued by the Authority to *inter alia* the Framework Participants;

**“Letter of Award”**

means the letter issued by the Authority to each successful economic operator who submitted a Tender accepting that economic operator’s Tender for the Goods, the signed duplicate copy of which is returned to the Authority;

**“Mini Tender Process”**

means a competitive tendering process conducted by a Participating Authority in relation to specific Goods in accordance with principles detailed in Schedule Part 1 (Mini Tender Process);

**“Month”**

means each calendar month during the Framework Agreement Period, and in the event that the Framework Agreement is concluded on any day other than the first day of a calendar month, the first Month shall commence on the date of conclusion of the Framework Agreement and end on the last day of the next occurring full calendar month, and in the event that the Framework Agreement ends on any day other than the last day of a calendar month, the last Month shall commence on the first day of the last month of the Framework Agreement and end on the actual date of termination or expiry (as applicable);

<b>“National Procurement” or “NP”</b>	means national procurement part of the procurement, commissioning and facilities business unit of the Authority;
<b>“New Contractor”</b>	means any entity which is awarded a contract by a Participating Authority to provide goods similar or identical to the Goods in place of the Contractor (including the Participating Authority in the event of the supply of the Goods being undertaken in-house);
<b>“NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods”</b>	means the additional conditions of supply contained in Schedule Part 3;
<b>“NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods”</b>	means the NHSS conditions of supply contained in Schedule Part 2;
<b>“Order”</b>	means (as applicable) (i) each order (if any) placed on the Framework Participant during the Framework Agreement Period by the Authority or any Participating Authority for the provision of Goods pursuant to the Framework Agreement and not rejected pursuant to Clause 4.2 of the Framework Principal Conditions, or (ii) each order (if any) comprised in a letter of award submitted by a Participating Authority to a Framework Participant for the supply of Goods pursuant to a Mini Tender Process;
<b>“Participating Authority”</b>	means each body constituted pursuant to the 1978 Act, together with any other entity identified or described in, the Invitation to Tender as entitled to purchase Goods pursuant to the Framework Agreement, including each such body’s statutory successors, and <b>“Participating Authorities”</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>“Point of Contact”</b>	means the point of contact representing the Framework Participant/Contractor identified as such in the Tender, or such alternative point of contact as notified to the Authority Manager (as representative of the Authority), from time to time, in Writing;
<b>“Product Information”</b>	means information concerning the Goods supplied by the Framework Participant to the Authority in accordance with Clause 10 for inclusion in the Authority’s product catalogue from time to time and containing all details which may be required by the Authority;
<b>“Prohibited Act”</b>	shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 18.1;



<b>“Relevant Person”</b>	means any person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of a Framework Participant or has powers of representation, decision or control in relation to a Framework Participant;
<b>“Replacement Supplier”</b>	means:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a supplier which, partially or wholly, takes over or acquires the business or assets of any Framework Participant or acquires ownership of any Framework Participant following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any corporate restructuring of, or involving, any Framework Participant; or</li> <li>(ii) any Framework Participant becoming Insolvent; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) any supplier identified in the Tender (and/or any clarifications thereto submitted by the Framework Participant to the Authority) to whom the Framework Participant anticipates it may wish to effect a Transfer of the Framework Agreement during the Framework Agreement Period;</li> </ul>
<b>“Schedule”</b>	means the schedule in three (3) parts annexed hereto;
<b>“Services”</b>	means all services ancillary or otherwise related to the Goods that each Framework Participant is required to perform pursuant to each Contract under the Framework Agreement, as set out in the Specification;
<b>“Specification”</b>	means the specification of the Goods and any Services set out in the Invitation to Tender and the Tender subject to any specific provision in the Letter of Award and any specification agreed, by a Participating Authority and the Contractor pursuant to a Mini Tender Process;
<b>“Substitution Date”</b>	shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 9.4;
<b>“Tender”</b>	means the tender submitted to the Authority by the Framework Participant in response to the Invitation to Tender;

<b>“Terms”</b>	means:-  (a) the Framework Principal Conditions;  (b) the NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods; and  (c) any special terms agreed in Writing between the Participating Authority and the Contractor pursuant to a Mini Tender Process;  in each case as varied by the Letter of Award;
<b>“the 1978 Act”</b>	means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, as amended;
<b>“Transfer”</b>	means novation or transfer in whole or in part;
<b>“Transferee”</b>	means any party to whom a Transfer is made;
<b>“Treaty”</b>	means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
<b>“Upgrades”</b>	means any products supplied by any Framework Participant which constitutes an updated, modified or new version of any Goods supplied by the Framework Participant;
<b>“Writing”</b>	means any communication in writing including facsimile transmission, electronic means (excluding text messages) and <b>“Written”</b> shall be construed accordingly;

1.2 In the Framework Agreement unless the context otherwise requires it:-

1.2.1 the Clause headings are for reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of the Framework Agreement and references to sub-clauses, clauses and to the Schedule are to sub-clauses, Clauses and the Schedule to the Framework Agreement;

1.2.2 the singular includes the plural and *vice versa*;

1.2.3 references to gender include references to all genders;

1.2.4 reference to a **“person”** includes any individual, partnership,

firm, company, corporation, joint venture, trust, association, organisation or other entity, in each case whether or not having a separate legal personality;

1.2.5 references to statutes, any statutory instrument, regulation or order shall be construed as a reference to such statute, statutory instrument, regulation or order as amended, consolidated, replaced or re-enacted from time to time; and

1.2.6 the words “**include**” or “**including**” are to be construed as meaning without limitation.

1.3 For resolution of a conflict or inconsistency in the Framework Agreement, the documents shall rank in the following descending order of importance:-

- Letter of Award;
- NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods;
- NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods;
- Framework Principal Conditions;
- Conditions for Mini Tender Process set out in Part 1 of the Schedule;
- Invitation to Tender;
- Tender.

1.4 The Framework Participant may, at any time during the Framework Agreement Period, request that the Authority allow Upgrades to be supplied by the Framework Participant under the Framework Agreement in substitution for the Goods. The Framework Participant shall provide any

information relating to any such Upgrade requested by the Authority including appropriate information in relation to the Upgrade for incorporation into the Specification. In the event that the Authority agrees to any Upgrades being substituted for the Goods it shall notify the Framework Participant in Writing accordingly and as from the date of such notification (or, if earlier, the date specified therein) reference to “**the Goods**” shall be deemed to include reference to such Upgrade. The Authority shall, if it considers it necessary, amend the Specification in relation to such Upgrades.

## **2. DURATION AND SCOPE**

2.1 The Framework Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in force throughout the Initial Framework Agreement Period unless earlier terminated in accordance with the further provisions hereof.

2.2 The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Initial Framework Agreement Period for the period(s) specified in the Invitation to Tender subject to giving the Point of Contact no less than one (1) month’s notice in Writing such notice being served by the Director of NP. In the event that the Authority elects to exercise such option the Contract Pricing shall not be subject to adjustment other than as provided in Clause 7.3 of the Framework Agreement.

2.3 Without prejudice to either party’s other rights and remedies pursuant to the Contract, each Contract concluded in accordance with Clause 5.3 prior to the date of expiry or sooner termination of the Framework Agreement shall remain in force, notwithstanding the expiry or sooner termination of the Framework Agreement. Any order submitted by a Participating Authority after the date of expiry or sooner termination of the Framework Agreement shall not constitute an Order and shall not be processed by any Framework

Participant.

### **3. DUE DILIGENCE**

The Framework Participant hereby agrees and accepts that it has received all information required by it in order to determine whether it is able to supply the Goods to all Participating Authorities in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.

### **4. CALL OFF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

4.1 Each Participating Authority may at its option call off the Framework Agreement:-

4.1.1 subject to Clause 4.2, by submission of an order to the Contractor for Goods in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement without undertaking a Mini Tender Process; or

4.1.2 where appropriate, by submission of an Order to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement following completion of a mini competition undertaken in accordance with the Mini Tender Process.

4.2 The Framework Participant shall be entitled to reject an order for Goods submitted pursuant to Clause 4.1.1 on giving the Participating Authority Written notice no later than the date occurring three (3) Days after the date of submission by the Participating Authority to the Framework Participant of the said order. The Framework Participant shall not be entitled to reject any such order unreasonably.

### **5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR**

5.1 In respect of each Contract, the Contractor undertakes to supply Goods of

the exact quality and type detailed in the Specification in strict accordance with the Order, the Specification and the Contract Pricing, and in accordance with the terms of the Invitation to Tender and the Tender as amended (if at all) by the Letter of Award or pursuant to a Mini Tender Process (if any) in such quantities, to such extent and at such times and locations as may be ordered by any Participating Authority and/or in circumstances where any Participating Authority shall have notified the Framework Participant that it has appointed an agent to purchase Goods on its behalf, as may be ordered by the agent. Where an Order has been placed by an agent in accordance with this Clause, invoices for Goods supplied to the agent shall be issued by the Contractor to, and in the name of, the agent and the agent shall be responsible for settlement thereof on behalf of a Participating Authority.

5.2 The Contractor will accept Orders pursuant to Clause 4.1 of the Framework Principal Conditions from any Participating Authority.

5.3 Each Contract shall be deemed to be concluded between a Participating Authority and the Contractor:-

5.3.1 in respect of orders submitted pursuant to Clause 4.1.1, where no Written notice of rejection is received by the Participating Authority in accordance with Clause 4.2, as at the expiry of the relevant three Day period referred to in Clause 4.2;

5.3.2 immediately on the submission of an Order by a Participating Authority pursuant to a Mini Tender Process.

5.4 The Contractor agrees that it will not in its dealings with Participating Authorities seek to impose or rely on any other contractual terms that in any way vary or contradict the Contractor Terms and, to avoid doubt, no terms and conditions shall be attached to any Order or invoice by the Contractor

and, if they are, they shall be of no effect.

- 5.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Framework Agreement, to the extent only that the Framework Participant is unable to comply with its obligations under the Framework Agreement as a direct result of the negligent act or omission of the Authority or the relevant Participating Authority (as applicable), it shall be relieved from such performance under the Framework Agreement and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not incur any liability for any loss or damages thereby incurred by the Authority or Participating Authority (as the case may be), provided the Framework Participant provides Written notice to the Authority as soon as it ought reasonably to be aware of its inability to comply with its obligations.

## **6. THE POSITION OF PARTICIPATING AUTHORITIES**

Nothing within this Framework Agreement shall preclude the Authority from procuring goods similar or identical to the Goods from suppliers not party to the Framework Agreement. The Framework Participant acknowledges that Participating Authorities are under no obligation to place any, or any particular level or volume of Orders for Goods with the Framework Participant under or pursuant to the Framework Agreement. The Framework Participant accepts that the Authority shall have no liability to it in respect of or arising out of the volume of Orders for Goods (if any) received by the Framework Participant during the continuance of the Framework Agreement.

## **7. CONTRACT PRICING**

- 7.1 The Authority may, at its discretion, at the intervals (if any) detailed in the Invitation to Tender or on an ad hoc basis invite all Framework Participants to propose reductions to the Contract Pricing. If such proposals are accepted by the Authority the Contract Pricing shall be adjusted accordingly from such

date as is specified by notice in Writing issued by the Authority (which date shall be no earlier than the date of such notice).

7.2 If the Authority becomes aware at any time during the Framework Agreement Period that the Contractor has supplied Goods to any Participating Authority pursuant to a Contract at a Different Cost it may serve Written notice on the Contractor to that effect. If, within the period of twenty (20) Days from receipt of such Written notice, the Contractor cannot provide satisfactory evidence to the Authority that it has not so provided Goods at a Different Cost, the Authority may, by Written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Framework Agreement between the said Contractor and the Authority.

7.3 Other than as adjusted pursuant to Clause 7.1 Contract Pricing shall not be subject to adjustment for the period specified in the Invitation to Tender for which prices are to be held by Framework Participants as fixed. In the event that the Authority elects to extend the Initial Framework Agreement Period in accordance with Clause 2.2 the Contractor may request an increase to the Contract Pricing with appropriate detailed justification documentation and evidence. If this is approved, then it will come in to effect from the commencement of the period of extension (and each subsequent extension commencement date, (if any) provided the previous extension period was for a minimum of twelve (12) months) by a maximum of the total percentage increase (if any) as shall have occurred in the Index over the last twelve (12) month period occurring immediately before such extension commencement date or subsequent extension date (as applicable) for which figures are published, provided a minimum of two (2) months' notice is given to the Authority Manager such notice to expire no later than the said extension commencement date.

## **8. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**



8.1 The Framework Participant acknowledges that the Authority is aiming to establish national standards and national pricing and that it may continuously monitor the performance of the Contractor in the Contracts between Participating Authorities and the Contractor under the Framework Agreement. The Authority may ascertain whether the Contractor's performance of such Contracts meets the performance criteria specified in the Specification or, where not so specified, meets the standards of a professional supplier of goods similar or identical to the Goods in the opinion of the Authority acting reasonably.

8.2 On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Day of each calendar month from the commencement of the Framework Agreement and within ten (10) Days following the termination of the Framework Agreement for any reason the Authority on behalf of the Participating Authorities may in respect of the supply of the Goods during the preceding calendar month provide to the Contractor a notice (each called "**a Performance Notice**") which shall set out a statement of the Authority's dissatisfaction with the Contractor's performance and supply of the Goods.

## **9. VARIATIONS TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

9.1 Any variation of the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement (including the NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods and the NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods) shall only be effective if agreed between the Authority on behalf of the Participating Authority and the Framework Participant in Writing executed by duly authorised representatives of such signatories. Once such variations are agreed between the said parties, the Authority, as agent for the Participating Authorities, hereby agrees that such variations shall automatically apply to any Contracts entered into between the Contractor and any Participating

Authorities to the extent only that Goods have not yet been delivered pursuant to such Contract.

9.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing the Framework Participant shall not unreasonably withhold consent to a proposed variation to the Framework Agreement made by the Authority on behalf of Participating Authorities.

9.3 The Contractor hereby undertakes to the Authority to work continuously with the Authority to improve and develop the Contractor's performance under the Framework Agreement to reflect changing needs and new developments within the National Health Service in Scotland and to deliver proactive cost reductions to the National Health Service in Scotland during the period of the Framework Agreement.

9.4 The Authority may agree to substitution of a Framework Participant with a Replacement Supplier as a party to the Framework Agreement. The Authority may request such information relating to the Framework Participant and/or the proposed Replacement Supplier as it considers necessary to allow the Authority to consider any request from the Framework Participant and/or a Replacement Supplier for such a substitution. In the event that the Authority agrees to such substitution, it shall notify the Framework Participant and/or the Replacement Supplier in Writing and such notification shall specify the date from which such substitution shall take effect (the "**Substitution Date**"). As from the Substitution Date:-

9.5 the Replacement Supplier shall assume all responsibilities, obligations and rights of the Framework Participant under the Framework Agreement;

9.6 no substantial or material amendments shall be made to the Framework Agreement and/or any Contract as a consequence of such substitution;

- 9.7 all references to “**Framework Participant**” shall be deemed to be to the Replacement Supplier; and
- 9.8 any Contract concluded and continuing in force as at the Substitution Date shall be deemed to be between the Participating Authority and the Replacement Supplier.

## **10. PRODUCT INFORMATION**

- 10.1 Within five (5) Days following a reasonable request from the Authority the Framework Participant shall provide the Authority with the Product Information. The Product Information will be provided by the Framework Participant in such manner and upon such media as is specified by the Authority from time to time.
- 10.2 The Framework Participant warrants that the Product Information shall be complete and accurate as at the date upon which it is delivered to the Authority and that the Product Information does not contain any data or statement which gives rise to any liability on the part of the Authority or, as the case may be, any Participating Authority following publication of the same in accordance with this Clause 10.
- 10.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 10.2 in the event that the Product Information ceases to be complete and accurate, the Framework Participant shall promptly notify the Authority in Writing of any modification or addition to or any inaccuracy or omission in the Product Information.
- 10.4 The Framework Participant grants to the Authority and to each Participating Authority a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence for the duration of the Framework Agreement Period to use the Product Information and any Intellectual Property therein for the purpose of illustrating the range of the

Goods available under the Framework Agreement.

- 10.5 The Authority may reproduce the Product Information provided by the Framework Participant in the Authority's product catalogue from time to time, which may be made available on the National Health Service in Scotland's internal communications network in electronic format or other format made available on the Authority's external website or any other electronic media of the Authority from time to time.
- 10.6 The Framework Participant agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority and any Participating Authority against any liability, loss, costs and expenses, incurred by the Authority and/or Participating Authority (as appropriate) and any claims or proceedings against the Authority and/or any Participating Authority whatsoever arising out of or in connection with any Product Information provided by or on behalf of the Framework Participant which is included in the Authority's and/or Participating Authority's product catalogue from time to time (as the case may be) or any associated material produced by the Authority and/or the Participating Authority (as appropriate) for the purpose of illustrating the range of Goods available under the Framework Agreement.
- 10.7 The Framework Participant shall not be required to indemnify or keep indemnified the Authority and/or any Participating Authority (as appropriate) against any liability, loss, costs, expenses, claims or proceedings whatsoever arising under Clause 10.6 as a result of (as appropriate) the Authority's and/or the Participating Authority's negligent act or error in reproducing the Product Information provided by or on behalf of the Framework Participant which is included in the Authority's and/or the relevant Participating Authority's product catalogue, or other literature from time to time or any associated material produced by the Authority and/or the Participating

Authority, for the purpose of illustrating the range of Goods available under the Framework Agreement.

## **11. SALES STATEMENTS**

11.1 Within ten (10) Days of request if requested by the Authority, or as required in the Invitation to Tender, the Contractor shall provide the Authority with a statement giving accurate and complete details of the quantity and value of the Goods sold by the Contractor pursuant to the Framework Agreement during the period(s) specified in the Invitation to Tender, or where no period is specified, the preceding Month. The statement shall include accurate details of the identity of the Participating Authorities to which such Goods were sold pursuant to the Framework Agreement, a detailed description of the Goods, the Contractor product code, the volume of the sales, and the invoice price (exclusive of VAT). The format and level of detail of the statement shall be agreed between the Authority and the Contractor in Writing.

11.2 The Contractor shall keep at its normal place of business detailed, accurate and up to date records of the quantity and value of the Goods sold by it to each Participating Authority on or after the date of commencement of the Framework Agreement. Subject to any other auditing process being agreed between the Authority and the Contractor in Writing, the Authority or the Authority's Representative shall be entitled by prior appointment to enter the Contractor's normal place of business during normal office hours and to inspect such records in order to verify whether any statement supplied by the Contractor to the Authority pursuant to Clause 11.1 is accurate and complete.

## **12. PROPOSED TERMINATION OF SUPPLY**

It is an essential condition of the Framework Agreement that the Framework

Participant will not terminate the supply of any of the Goods to the Participating Authorities without the Authority's Written consent. In the event that the Framework Participant wishes to terminate the supply of any Goods under the Framework Agreement it may only do so with the Written consent of the Authority granted at the Authority's sole discretion. In determining whether or not to grant such consent the Authority may require the Contractor to work with the Authority to assess the needs of the Authority or Participating Authority to determine whether the Contractor shall supply, within timescales agreed between the parties, alternative goods acceptable to the Authority.

### **13. SUPPLY CHAINS**

13.1 The Framework Participant shall not make any change in the supply chain for the Goods or in any of its sub-contractors identified in the Framework Agreement until it has received written approval from the Authority. The Framework Participant shall notify the Authority Manager in Writing immediately in the event that it proposes to make any change in its supply chain or in its sub-contractors and shall supply the Authority (or where the Authority so elects, the Participating Authority) with all necessary information regarding the proposed change in order for the Authority (or where the Authority so elects, the Participating Authority) to determine whether or not it is willing to grant approval for such change, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

13.2 An essential condition of appointment to the Framework Agreement shall be that the Framework Participant operates and applies ethical standards (which the Authority acting reasonably considers to be appropriate) to its own operations and ensures these are applied by all parties, involved in the supply chain.

13.3 The Authority shall be entitled at any time to audit the Framework Participant's supply chain and to inspect any premises at which the Goods are manufactured or stored in whole or in part to establish compliance with this Clause 13 and the Framework Participant shall procure all necessary access rights from suppliers for the purposes of this Clause 13.

13.4 In the event that the Authority does not consider the Framework Participant is operating and applying appropriate ethical standards in accordance with Clause 13.2 it shall serve Written notice upon the Framework Participant to that effect. If the Framework Participant fails to satisfy the Authority, acting reasonably, within sixty (60) days of such notice that it has taken steps necessary to operate and apply appropriate ethical standards in its own operations and ensure that these are applied by all parties involved in the supply chain of the Goods, the Authority may forthwith terminate the Framework Agreement, by Written notice.

#### **14. THE POSITION OF THE AUTHORITY**

The Authority has established the Framework Agreement as agent for and on behalf of each such Participating Authority. Each Contract concluded pursuant to Clause 5.3 above will be between the Contractor and the Participating Authority concerned and the Authority shall not be a party thereto nor shall the Authority have any liability arising out of the acts or omissions of any Participating Authority in connection with any such Contract.

#### **15. ASSIGNATION**

15.1 The Framework Agreement is personal to the Framework Participant. The Framework Participant may not effect a Transfer or assignation of the Framework Agreement or the benefit or advantage of the Framework

Agreement or any part of it without the prior Written consent of the Authority, provided always that if the Authority grants consent to a Transfer of the Framework Agreement:-

15.1.1 the Transferee shall require to satisfy any qualitative criteria applied by the Authority in connection with award of the Framework Agreement to the Framework Participant;

15.1.2 no substantial or material modification shall be made to the terms of the Framework Agreement as a consequence of the Transfer; and

15.1.3 the Framework Participant shall provide such information and/or documentation relating to it and any proposed Transferee as the Authority shall require.

## **16. PRE-CONTRACTUAL STATEMENTS**

16.1 (Save in the case of fraud) no statements made by or on behalf of the Authority at any time before, during or after the competition leading to conclusion of the Framework Agreement shall add to or vary the Framework Agreement or be of any force or effect unless any such pre-contractual statements are expressly set out in the Framework Agreement. The Contractor waives any right it may have to make any claim whatsoever in connection with any non-fraudulent pre-contractual statements made by or on behalf of the Authority. This waiver shall be unconditional and irrevocable, but it is expressly agreed that it shall not exclude any liability of the Authority for pre-contractual statements made fraudulently.

16.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 16.1 the Framework Participant acknowledges that it has not been induced to enter into the Framework



Agreement by any indication as to the volume or content of Orders that might be placed by Participating Authorities.

## **17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

17.1 During any dispute, including a dispute as to the validity of the Framework Agreement and any Contracts entered into under the Framework Agreement, it is mutually agreed that the Framework Participant/Contractor shall continue its performance of the provisions of the Framework Agreement and any such Contracts (unless the Authority requests in Writing that the Contractor does not do so).

17.2 If any dispute arises out of the Framework Agreement (other than in relation to any matter in which the Authority has a discretion which is exercised in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement and which shall be final and conclusive) the parties will use all of their respective reasonable endeavours to resolve it by negotiation. If negotiations fail to resolve such dispute either party may refer the matter to an arbiter chosen by mutual agreement, or, failing agreement appointed on the application of either party by the President of the Law Society of Scotland. The Authority and the Framework Participant will co-operate with any person appointed as arbiter providing him with such information and other assistance as he shall require and will pay his costs, as he shall determine or in the absence of such determination such costs will be shared equally. Neither party will commence legal proceedings against the other until thirty (30) Days after such arbitration of the dispute in question has failed to resolve the dispute.

## **18. PROHIBITED ACT**

18.1 **“Prohibited Act”** means:

- 18.1.1 offering, giving or agreeing to give to the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body or to any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward:
- (a) for doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of this Framework Agreement or any other agreement with the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body; or
  - (b) for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this Framework Agreement or any other agreement with the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body;
- 18.1.2 entering into this Framework Agreement or any other agreement with the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body in connection with which commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by the Framework Participant or on its behalf, or to its knowledge, unless before the relevant agreement is entered into particulars of any such commission and of the terms and conditions of any such agreement for the payment of such commission have been disclosed in writing to the Authority;
- 18.1.3 committing any offence:
- (a) under the Bribery Act 2010;
  - (b) under any Law creating offences in respect of fraudulent

acts; or

(c) at common law, in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to this Framework Agreement or any other agreement with the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body; or

(d) defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Authority, any Participating Authority or any other public body.

18.2 The Contractor warrants that in entering into this Framework Agreement it has not committed any Prohibited Act.

18.3 If the Framework Participant (or anyone employed by or acting on behalf of it) commits any Prohibited Act, then the Authority shall be entitled to act in accordance with paragraphs 18.4 to 18.6 below.

18.4 If a Prohibited Act is committed by the Framework Participant or by an employee not acting independently of the Framework Participant, then the Authority may terminate the Framework Agreement with immediate effect by giving Written notice to the Framework Participant, and no compensation or payment shall be due to the Framework Participant in respect of such termination.

18.5 If the Prohibited Act is committed by an employee of the Framework Participant or a sub-contractor acting independently of the Framework Participant, then the Authority may give Written notice to the Framework Participant of termination and the Framework Agreement will terminate unless, within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of such notice, the Framework Participant terminates the employee's employment or the sub-

subcontract (as the case may be) and (if necessary) procures an alternative sub-contractor acceptable to the Authority.

18.6 Any notice of termination under this Clause 18 shall specify:

18.6.1 the nature of the Prohibited Act;

18.6.2 the identity of the party whom the Authority believes has committed the Prohibited Act; and

18.6.3 the date on which the Framework Agreement will terminate in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Clause 18.

18.7 Without prejudice to its other rights or remedies under this Clause 18, the Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Framework Participant:

18.7.1 the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission; and

18.7.2 any other loss sustained in consequence of any breach of this Clause 18.

18.8 Nothing contained in this Clause 18 shall prevent the Framework Participant from paying any proper commission or bonus to its employees within the agreed terms of their employment.

18.9 The Framework Participant shall notify the Authority on the occurrence (giving details) of any Prohibited Act promptly on the Framework Participant becoming aware of its occurrence.

## **19. TERMINATION**

19.1 In addition to the Authority's termination rights pursuant to Clauses 7.2, 13.4, 20.10 and 29.2 and any other termination provisions within the Terms, the

Authority may without penalty to the Authority terminate the Framework Agreement:-

- 19.1.1 notwithstanding Clause 9.4, immediately on notice, in the event that the Framework Participant becomes Insolvent or otherwise ceases to be capable of providing the Goods;
- 19.1.2 on giving fourteen (14) days' Written notice, in the event that (i) the Framework Participant has committed a material breach of the Framework Agreement and the Framework Participant has not corrected the said breach within a reasonable period of time of receipt of such notification from the Authority of such breach, or (ii) the Framework Participant is in persistent breach of any of the conditions of any Contract or Contracts and either the persistent breach is incapable of remedy or the Framework Participant shall have failed to remedy the persistent breach within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice requiring it to remedy that breach;
- 19.1.3 on giving fourteen (14) days' Written notice in the event that at any time during the Framework Agreement Period:-
  - (a) the Authority considers that procurement of a new framework agreement is required as a result of a substantial modification, or a series of modifications which, taken together, constitute a substantial modification, being, or have been, effected to the Framework Agreement;
  - (b) the Authority become aware that the Framework Participant and/or any Relevant Person has been

convicted of any of the offences listed in Regulation 58(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015;

- (c) in the event that the ECJ makes a declaration that the Framework Agreement should not have been awarded to the Framework Participant in view of a serious infringement of the obligations under the Treaty and Directive; or
- (d) proceedings are served on the Authority in connection with or related to:-
  - (i) any sub-station of the Framework Participant with a Replacement Supplier pursuant to Clause 9.4 or any Transfer of the Framework Agreement in whole or in part approved by the Authority pursuant to Clause 15; and/or
  - (ii) the Framework Agreement between the Authority and the Replacement Supplier or the Transferee.

19.2 To be effective notice served by the Authority in terms of Clause 19.1 must be served by the Director of NP.

19.3 The Framework Participant will reasonably assist the Authority and/or relevant Participating Authority in ensuring a smooth, timely, risk-reduced transition of the activities carried out under any Contract to a New Contractor at the expiry or earlier termination (for any reason) of such Contract, and shall return to such party as the Participating Authority may nominate, such items relating to the Contract as may have been supplied by or on behalf of the Participating Authority.

19.4 Clauses which expressly or by implication survive termination of the Framework Agreement shall continue in full force and effect after the expiry or termination of the Framework Agreement.

## **20. CONFIDENTIALITY**

20.1 In respect of all Confidential Information provided by, or on behalf of either Party (“**the Discloser**”) to the other Party (“**the Recipient**”) and subject to the terms of this Framework Agreement, the Recipient undertakes to the Discloser that it will:

20.1.1 keep that Confidential Information completely and strictly confidential and keep in safe custody all documentation and media recording of the same;

20.1.2 save as expressly permitted in the Framework Principal Conditions, not disclose, copy, reproduce, publish or distribute the whole or any part of that Confidential Information to any person unless authorised in Writing by a duly authorised representative of the Discloser;

20.1.3 use that Confidential Information only for the performance of the Framework Agreement and will not use that Confidential Information for its own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Discloser; and

20.1.4 maintain that Confidential Information as the Discloser’s property.

20.2 The obligation to maintain the confidentiality of, and the prohibitions and restrictions on use of, the Confidential Information shall not apply to information:-

- 20.2.1 which the Discloser confirms in Writing is not required to be treated as Confidential Information;
  - 20.2.2 which is or comes into the public domain otherwise than through any disclosure prohibited by a Contract;
  - 20.2.3 which is received from a third party who lawfully acquired or developed it and who is under no obligation of confidence in relation to its disclosure; or
  - 20.2.4 disclosed pursuant to Clause 20.7 (Scottish Government Health Directorate disclosure and disclosure to other Government departments and agencies).
- 20.3 For the purpose of this Clause 20, no Confidential Information shall be deemed to be in the public domain merely because such information is embraced by more general information or in the case of a complex body of information, because one (1) or more elements of it are separately available in the public domain.
- 20.4 Where the Authority receives Confidential Information from the Framework Participant, the Authority may disclose such Confidential Information to, and permit its use by its staff, agents and any third party for any purpose provided for or contemplated by the Framework Agreement.
- 20.5 The Authority shall be entitled to disclose any Confidential Information received from the Framework Participant to its professional advisors to the extent that the Authority considers that they have a reasonable need to receive and consider the same.
- 20.6 The Framework Participant shall be permitted to disclose the Confidential Information only to its directors, officers, employees, agents and professional



advisors who need to see and know it in connection with supply of the Goods (who are hereafter called the “**Permitted Persons**”) subject to obtaining appropriate confidentiality restrictions no less stringent than this Clause 20.

20.7 The Authority shall be free to disclose the terms of this Framework Agreement and any documents connected with supply of the Goods to and within the Scottish Government Health Directorate and to other Government departments, agencies and non-departmental public bodies and the Parties agree that the Authority shall be free to use and disclose such information on such terms and in such manner as the Authority sees fit.

20.8 The Parties acknowledge that damages may not be an adequate remedy for any breach of this Clause 20 by either party or any of the Framework Participant’s Permitted Persons and the Parties may be entitled to obtain any legal relief, including interdict, in the event of any breach of this Clause 20.

20.9 Without prejudice to the Parties' other obligations under the Framework Agreement, if directed to do so by the Discloser at any time and in any event promptly following termination for any reason or expiry, the Recipient shall return to the Discloser or destroy all Confidential Information of the Discloser and shall certify that it does not retain any such Confidential Information, save to the extent that any Confidential Information needs to be retained:

20.9.1 for the purposes of the supply or receipt of Goods;

20.9.2 in cases where there is a partial termination for the purposes of the performance of the remainder of the Framework Agreement or a Contract thereunder;

20.9.3 in order to enforce any of its rights or remedies under the Contract; or

20.9.4 in order to maintain a record of the Confidential Information of the Discloser to enable the Recipient to establish its continuing obligations under this Clause 20.

20.10 In the event that the Framework Participant fails to comply with this Clause 20 (Confidentiality), the Authority reserves the right to terminate the Framework Agreement by notice in writing with immediate effect.

20.11 All obligations set out in this Clause 20 to keep confidential all Confidential Information as defined in:-

20.11.1 part (a) of the definition of 'Confidential Information' shall remain in force in perpetuity notwithstanding the expiry or termination (for any reason) of the Framework Agreement; and

20.11.2 part (b) of the definition of 'Confidential Information' shall remain in force during the Framework Agreement Period and for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

## **21. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

21.1 Nothing whether expressly provided in the Framework Agreement, or otherwise implied, shall preclude the Authority from making public under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and/or any codes or regulations applicable from time to time relating to access to public authorities' information ("**FOI**"), details of all matters relating to the Framework Agreement and any Contract(s) unless (i) such details constitute a trade secret; (ii) the disclosure of such details would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including but not limited to the Framework Participant or any Authority); or (iii) such details fall within

any other exemption under FOI provided always that application of any such exemption referred to at (i), (ii) or (iii) above shall be at the sole discretion of the Authority. The Authority will take all reasonable steps to provide the Framework Participant with notice of any intended disclosures under FOI prior to making such information public.

21.2 The Framework Participant shall:-

21.2.1 transfer any request for information relating to the Framework Agreement to the Authority as soon as practicable after receipt and in any event within five (5) Days of receiving such request for information;

21.2.2 comply within five (5) Days with any request by the Authority;

21.2.3 provide all such assistance as may be required by the Authority;  
and

21.2.4 to enable the Authority to comply with its obligations under FOI.

## **22. NOTICES**

22.1 Any notice to be given under the Framework Agreement shall be delivered personally, sent by facsimile sent by first class recorded delivery post or by electronic mail. Except as otherwise provided in the Terms, the address for service shall be the registered or principal office of the recipient, or such other address for receipt of notices as either party may previously have notified to the other party in Writing. A notice shall be deemed to have been served:

22.1.1 if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;

22.1.2 if sent by facsimile at the time of transmission;

22.1.3 if posted, at the expiration of forty eight (48) hours or (in the case of air-mail seven (7) Days) after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities; or

22.1.4 if sent by electronic mail, at the time of the transmission.

22.2 In proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that personal delivery was made, or that the envelope containing such notice was properly addressed and delivered into the custody of the postal authorities as prepaid first class, recorded delivery or air-mail letter (as appropriate) or that the facsimile was transmitted on a tested line or that the correct transmission report was received from the facsimile machine sending the notice as the case may be, or that the hard drive has recorded the successful transmission of the electronic mail.

22.3 Except to the extent otherwise agreed in Writing between the parties, notices deliverable to the Framework Participant/Contractor, shall be addressed to the Point of Contact.

## **23. PUBLICITY**

Save as required by law and/or the requirements of any relevant stock exchange no publicity shall be made by any of the parties relating to any matter in connection with the Framework Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

## **24. EXECUTION OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

The Framework Participant shall from time to time upon the request of the Authority, execute any additional documents and do any other acts or things which may reasonably be required to implement the provisions of the Framework Agreement.

## **25. INVALIDITY**

Any provision of the Framework Agreement that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating or rendering unenforceable the remaining provisions hereof and any such invalidity or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction. In the event of a holding of invalidity so fundamental as to prevent the accomplishment of the purposes of the Framework Agreement, the parties shall commence good faith negotiations to remedy such invalidity.

## **26. REPRESENTATIONS**

The Framework Participant acknowledges and agrees that it has not relied on any representation, warranty or undertaking (whether written or oral) in relation to the subject matter of the Framework Agreement and therefore irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have to claim damages against the Authority, for any misrepresentation (whether made carelessly or not) or for breach of any warranty unless the representation relied upon is set out in the Framework Agreement or unless such representation was made fraudulently.

## **27. NO WAIVER**

27.1 The failure by the Authority, or the Framework Participant or, as the case may be, any Participating Authority to insist upon the strict performance of any provision, term or condition of the Framework Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon the breach thereof shall not constitute a waiver of any Authority's rights and/or remedies in respect of such breach or any subsequent breach of such provision, term or condition.

27.2 No waiver of any of the provisions of the Framework Agreement shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other party in Writing in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.1.

27.3 Subject always to Clause 2.2, no amendment of the Framework Agreement shall be valid unless agreed in Writing by the Point of Contact (on behalf of the Framework Participant) and the Authority Manager.

## **28. LOSS OF PARTICIPATING AUTHORITIES**

The Framework Participant warrants that (i) any warranty, representation, undertaking or indemnity given or made to the Authority by the Framework Participant in terms of this Framework Agreement shall be deemed for the purpose of this Framework Agreement to have been made to each Participating Authority, and (ii) for the purpose of calculating any loss, injury, damages, costs or expenses due from the Framework Participant arising out of or in connection with a Contract awarded pursuant to this Framework Agreement, or the termination of such Contract for any reason, or in respect of any indemnity, warranty, representation or undertaking in terms of this Framework Agreement, there shall be deemed to be included by way of addition within such loss, injury, damages, costs or expenses any or all loss, injury, damages, costs or expenses suffered or incurred by the Participating Authorities and as if the Participating Authorities were a party to this Framework Agreement instead of the Authority and such obligations were due directly to the Participating Authorities.

## **29. HUMAN TRAFFICKING ETC**

29.1 The Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors and any other persons who perform the obligations on behalf of the Contractor or in connection with this Framework Agreement and any

Contract concluded hereunder shall:

- 29.1.1 not commit any act or omission which causes or could cause it to breach, or commit an offence under, any laws relating to anti human trafficking, child labour and modern slavery;
  - 29.1.2 keep accurate and up to date records showing all suppliers engaged in connection with this Contract and the steps the Contractor has taken to comply with this Clause 29, and permit the Authority to inspect those records as required;
  - 29.1.3 warrant that neither the Contractor, nor any of its officers, employees or other persons associated with it, having made reasonable enquiries, has been or is the subject of any investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body regarding any offence or alleged offence of or in connection with slavery and human trafficking;
  - 29.1.4 implement due diligence procedures for its own suppliers, subcontractors and other participants in its supply chains, to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains; and
  - 29.1.5 promptly notify the Authority of any breach of this Clause 29.
- 29.2 The Authority may terminate this Framework Agreement immediately by giving written notice to that effect to the Contractor if the Contractor is in breach of this Clause 29.

## **30. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

The parties accept the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts and agree that the Framework Agreement is to be governed by and construed in accordance with Scots law.



## SCHEDULE: PART 1

### MINI TENDER PROCESS

1. Where the Invitation to Tender provides for Participating Authorities calling off the Framework Agreement by mini competition the provisions of this Schedule Part 1 will apply.
2. Any Participating Authority shall be entitled to conduct a Mini Tender Process in respect of the requirements for a supply of Goods by the Contractor and in such circumstances shall invite all Framework Participants capable of providing the relevant Goods to submit tenders for the provision of such Goods. All such tenders shall be submitted and evaluated in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule Part 1.
3. When undertaking a Mini Tender Process the Participating Authority shall issue a mini tender pack to each of the Framework Participants.
4. The mini tender pack shall reference the Framework Agreement and shall *inter alia* provide the following information to Framework Participants:
  - (a) The scope and extent of the Goods to be supplied, including timescales;
  - (b) Details of how the Participating Authority wishes pricing for supply of such Goods to be presented;
  - (c) Timescales for submission of mini tenders;
  - (d) The mechanism and evaluation approach which will be applied by the Participating Authority to select the winning mini tender. This shall be based on the evaluation criteria and weightings for mini tenders specified in the Invitation to Tender.

Those matters which will be considered by each Participating Authority to demonstrate such criteria in each Mini Tender Process and the weighting of these criteria will be determined as appropriate for each Mini Tender Process by the relevant Participating Authority and advised to each Framework Participant.
5. The Participating Authority shall in Writing advise each Framework Participant that submitted a tender in response to the issue of the mini tender pack, of the outcome of the Mini Tender Process, as soon as reasonably practicable after a decision in relation thereto has been made.

**SCHEDULE: PART 2**

**NHSS CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS**

**National Health Service Scotland (NHSS)**



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## 1. DEFINED TERMS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these terms and conditions the words and expressions below will be interpreted to have the meanings adjacent to them:-

<b>“Authority”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Commencement Date”</b>	means the date upon which the Contract shall come into effect, such date being set out in the relevant Order issued by the Participating Authority;
<b>“Community Benefits”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Confidential Information”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Contract”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Contractor”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Contractor’s Personnel”</b>	means all persons employed or engaged by the Contractor in the implementation of the Contract, including any permitted sub-contractor or agent of the Contractor;
<b>“Contractor Terms”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Contract Period”</b>	means:-  (a) (subject to earlier termination in accordance with its terms or by operation of law) the duration of the Contract, as set out in the Order starting on the Commencement Date, or  (b) if the Commencement Date is not set out in the Order the period from the date the Order is submitted by the Participating Authority to the Framework Participant until the Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms;
<b>“Contract Price”</b>	means the monies payable by a Participating Authority to a Contractor for the Goods pursuant to a Contract in strict accordance with the Contract Pricing;

<b>“Contract Pricing”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Costs”</b>	includes costs, charges, outgoings and expenses of every description;
<b>“Data Protection Legislation”</b>	means the EU Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC, the Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications 2002/58/EC (as amended by the Citizens Rights Directive 2009/136), the Data Protection Act 1998, the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/2699) and any applicable decisions and guidance made under them together with any other law, statute, directive, regulation, other legislation in whatever form, delegated act (under any of the foregoing), rule or other binding restriction, decision or guidance in force from time to time with regards to the processing of personal data, which may apply to either party in respect of its activities under this Contract;
<b>“Data Subject”</b>	means an individual who is the subject of Personal Data;
<b>“Day”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Direct Losses”</b>	means all damage, losses, indebtedness, claims, actions, cash, expenses (including the cost of legal or professional services and all legal costs), proceedings, demands and charges whether arising under statute, contract or at common law excluding Indirect Losses;
<b>“DPA”</b>	means the Data Protection Act 1998;
<b>“EEA”</b>	means the European Economic Area;
<b>“Force Majeure Event”</b>	means one (1) or more of the following to the extent that it is not attributable to the Contractor or the Contractor’s staff: war, civil war (whether declared or undeclared), riot or armed conflict; radioactive, chemical or biological contamination; pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speed; acts of terrorism; explosion; fire; flood; extraordinarily severe weather conditions which are both unforeseen and for which precautions are not customarily taken by prudent business organisations so as

to avoid or mitigate the impact thereof; industrial action which affects the supply of the Goods, but which is not confined to the workforce of the Contractor or is site specific; pestilence; the actions of governmental authorities to the extent that such actions are implemented either pursuant to emergency powers or otherwise outside the usual course of governmental business; or act of God, or other event which is beyond the reasonable control of the Party in question and could not have been avoided or mitigated by the exercise of all reasonable care by that Party and further provided that such event materially affects the ability of the Party seeking to rely upon it to perform its obligations under the Contract;

- “Framework Agreement”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
- “Framework Participant”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
- “Framework Principal Conditions”** means the terms and conditions contained in the Framework Agreement under exception of the terms and conditions contained in any part or parts of the Schedule thereto;
- “Goods”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
- “Head of Procurement”** means the person from time to time appointed by the Participating Authority as head in charge of its procurement activities;
- “Indirect Losses”** means loss of profits, loss of business, loss of business opportunity, loss of goodwill or any consequential loss or indirect loss of any nature;
- “Insolvent”** means:
- (a) if the Framework Participant is an individual, that individual, or where the Framework Participant is a partnership, any partner(s) in that firm, becomes bankrupt or shall have a receiving order, administration order or interim order made against him, or shall make any composition or scheme of arrangement with or for the benefit of his creditors, or shall make any conveyance or assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or shall purport to do or appears unable to pay or to have no reasonable prospect of being able to pay, a debt within the meaning of Section 268 of the Insolvency

Act 1986 or he shall become apparently insolvent within the meaning of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 as amended, or any application shall be made under the Bankruptcy or Insolvency Act for the time being in place for sequestration of his estate, or a trust deed shall be granted by him for the benefit of his creditors;

- (b) if the Framework Participant is a company, the passing by the Framework Participant of a resolution for its winding-up or the making by a court of competent jurisdiction of an order for the winding-up of the Framework Participant or the dissolution of the Framework Participant, or if a receiver, manager or administrator is appointed, or documents are filed with the court for the appointment of a receiver, manager or administrator or notice of intention to appoint a receiver, manager or administrator is given by the Framework Participant or its directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986), or circumstances arise which entitle the court or a creditor to appoint a receiver, manager or administrator or which entitle the court to make a winding-up order, or the Framework Participant is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or if the Framework Participant makes an arrangement with its creditors generally or makes an application to a court of competent jurisdiction for protection from its creditors generally; and
- (c) any event under the law of any other jurisdiction other than Scotland which is analogous to any of the above;

<b>“Intellectual Property”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Invitation to Tender”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Legal Requirements”</b>	means any legislation and/or common law insofar as applicable to the performance of the Contract or any part thereof including without limitation:-



- (a) any subordinate legislation; and
- (b) any legislative act of the European Union or the Commission of the European Community which, without further enactment, has legal effect within the United Kingdom;

<b>“Location”</b>	means the location or locations (as applicable) for the delivery of the Goods (and performance of any Services comprised in the Goods) as set out in an Order;
<b>“Mini Tender Process”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“NDC”</b>	means the Authority’s national distribution centre located at Canderside, 2 Swinhill Avenue, Larkhall ML9 2QX;
<b>“New Contractor”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Order”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Participating Authority”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Party”</b>	means any party to a Contract individually and <b>“Parties”</b> refers to all of the parties to a Contract collectively. A Party shall include all permitted assignees of the Party in question. All persons who are not a Party to a Contract are third parties;
<b>“Person”</b>	includes any individual, partnership, firm, trust, body corporate, government, governmental body, authority, agency, unincorporated body of Persons or association and a reference to a Person includes a reference to that Person’s successors and permitted assignees;
<b>“Personal Data”</b>	has the meaning set out in Section 1(1) of the DPA and relates only to personal data, or any part of such personal data, of which the Participating Authority is the Data Controller and in relation to which the Contractor is supplying Goods or otherwise is in possession of or has access to;
<b>“Point of Contact”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions

	in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Prohibited Act”</b>	shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 40;
<b>“Receipt of Order”</b>	means, if personally delivered, at the time of delivery; if sent by facsimile, at the time of transmission; if posted, at the expiration of forty eight (48) hours or (in the case of air-mail seven (7) Days) after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities; and if sent by electronic mail, at the time of transmission;
<b>“Replacement Supplier”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Security Requirements”</b>	means the requirements imposed by a Participating Authority to ensure the security of Personal Data detailed in the Specification and/or as notified to the Contractor by the Participating Authority;
<b>“Sensitive Personal Data”</b>	has the meaning set out in Section 1(1) of the DPA and relates only to sensitive personal data, or any part of such sensitive personal data of which the Participating Authority is the Data Controller and in relation to which the Contractor is in possession of or has access to;
<b>“Services”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Specification”</b>	has the meaning set out in the definitions contained in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Tender”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions contained in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“the 1978 Act”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions;
<b>“Writing”</b>	has the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions in the Framework Principal Conditions; and
<b>“Year”</b>	means during the Contract Period, any twelve (12) month period commencing on the Commencement Date or an anniversary thereof.

1.2 In the Contractor Terms, all references to any statute or statutory provision shall be deemed to include references to any statute or statutory provision

which amends, extends, consolidates or replaces the same and shall include any orders, regulations codes of practice, instruments or other subordinate legislation made thereunder and any conditions attaching thereto. Moreover, where relevant, references to Scottish and United Kingdom statutes and statutory provisions shall be construed as references also to equivalent statutes, statutory provisions and rules of law in other jurisdictions.

1.3 Any headings to Clauses, together with the front cover and the Index are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning of the Contractor Terms. Unless the contrary is stated references to Clauses shall mean the Clauses of these terms and conditions.

1.4 Unless otherwise expressly defined in the Contractor Terms, the words used in the Contractor Terms shall bear their natural meaning. The Parties have had equal opportunity to take legal advice and the contra proferentem rule shall not apply to the interpretation of the Contractor Terms.

1.5 Where a term of the Contractor Terms provides for a list of items following the word "**including**" or "**includes**" then such list is not to be interpreted as being an exhaustive list. Any such list shall not be treated as excluding any item that might have been included in such list having regard to the context of the contractual term in question. The ejusdem generis principle is not to be applied when interpreting the Contractor Terms. General words are not to be given a restrictive meaning where they are followed by examples intended to be included within the general words.

1.6 In the Contractor Terms, words importing any particular gender include all other genders.

1.7 In the Contractor Terms, words importing the singular only shall include the plural and vice versa.

- 1.8 Subject to the contrary being stated expressly or implied from the context in the Contractor Terms, all communication between the Parties shall be in Writing.
- 1.9 All monetary amounts are expressed in pounds sterling but in the event that pounds sterling is replaced as legal tender in the United Kingdom by a different currency then all monetary amounts shall be converted into such other currency at the rate prevailing on the date such other currency first became legal tender in the United Kingdom.
- 1.10 Except where an express provision of the Contractor Terms states the contrary, each and every obligation of a Party under the terms and conditions is to be performed at that Party's cost.
- 1.11 Any reference to a Party "**procuring**" another person to act or omit to act in a certain manner shall mean that the Party so procuring shall be liable for any default on the part of the person acting or omitting to act in that manner.
- 1.12 All references to the Contractor Terms include (subject to all relevant approvals) a reference to the Contractor Terms as amended, supplemented, substituted, novated or assigned from time to time.
- 1.13 For resolution of a conflict or inconsistency in a Contract, the documents shall rank in the following descending order of importance:-
- the Order;
  - any special terms agreed in Writing between a Participating Authority and the Contractor pursuant to a Mini Tender Process;
  - Invitation to Tender pursuant to a Mini Competition Process (if any);
  - Tender pursuant to a Mini Competition Process (if any);

- Letter of Award;
- NHSS Additional Conditions for the Provision of Goods;
- NHSS Conditions for the Provision of Goods;
- Framework Principal Conditions;
- Conditions for Mini Tender Process set out in Part 1 of the Schedule;
- Invitation to Tender;
- Tender.

## **2. POSITION OF THE AUTHORITY**

Each Contract for supply of the Goods shall be between the Contractor and the Participating Authority and the Authority is not a party thereto.

## **3. ORDERING OF GOODS AND DELIVERY**

3.1 A Participating Authority shall purchase and the Contractor shall supply the Goods in accordance with the Order which shall be in Writing, submitted by the Participating Authority to the Point of Contact, and supply of the Goods by the Contractor and acquisition of the Goods by the Participating Authority shall be subject to the Contractor Terms which shall govern the Contract between the Participating Authority and the Contractor to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions.

3.2 Orders shall be submitted by the Participating Authority to the Framework Participant in Writing detailing the Goods required, specifying the Contract Price, the Location, the timescale for delivery pursuant to Clause 4.1, and the Contract Period.

- 3.3 In the absence of Written agreement between the Participating Authority and the Contractor to the contrary, the Goods shall be delivered by the Contractor carriage paid and in such quantities, in such manner, and at such times and to such places specified by a Participating Authority in an Order, whichever is applicable.
- 3.4 The Contractor shall deliver the Goods to the Location and in accordance with any delivery instructions in an Order or such other location as agreed by the Parties in Writing. Goods must be accompanied by a clean, legible delivery note in accordance with Clause 6.1.2.
- 3.5 Delivery shall be completed when the Goods have been unloaded at the Location and such delivery has been accepted by a duly authorised agent, employee or Location representative of the Participating Authority. The Participating Authority shall procure that such duly authorised agent, employee or Location representative of the Participating Authority is at the Location in order to accept such delivery. The Contractor shall procure a signature of such duly authorised agent, employee or Location representative of the Participating Authority on the relevant delivery documentation, which shall act as proof of acceptance of the delivery for the purposes of this Clause 3.5
- 3.6 Unless agreed in advance with the Participating Authority, if the Goods are delivered before the date specified in the Order (or such other date which the Contractor and the Participating Authority have agreed in Writing), the Participating Authority shall be entitled at its sole discretion to refuse to take delivery or to charge for insurance and storage of the Goods until the contractual date for delivery.
- 3.7 In the event that the Participating Authority specifies next day or short notice

deliveries in an Order, and where such deliveries are not otherwise agreed within the terms of the Framework Agreement, the Contractor may charge any reasonable and properly incurred additional costs incurred by the Contractor in respect of the delivery of the said Goods to the Participating Authority.

- 3.8 Any carrier engaged in carriage and/or delivery of the Goods shall be deemed to be an agent of the Contractor and not the Participating Authority.
- 3.9 Part deliveries may be rejected unless the Participating Authority has previously agreed in Writing to accept such deliveries.
- 3.10 The Contractor is responsible for obtaining all export and import licences for the Goods and shall be responsible for any delays due to such licences not being available when required.
- 3.11 In the case of any Goods supplied from outside the United Kingdom, the Contractor shall ensure that accurate information is provided to the Participating Authority as to the country of origin of the Goods and shall be liable to the Participating Authority for any additional duties or taxes for which the Participating Authority may be accountable should the country of origin prove to be different from that advised by the Contractor.
- 3.12 Any access to premises and any labour and equipment that may be provided by the Participating Authority in connection with the delivery of the Goods and/or the performance of any Services shall be provided without acceptance by the Participating Authority of any liability whatsoever and the Contractor shall indemnify the Participating Authority in respect of any actions, suits, claims, demands, loss, charges, costs and expenses which the Participating Authority may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any damage or injury (whether fatal or otherwise) occurring in the course of such delivery

and/or performance to the extent that any such damage or injury is attributable to any act or omission of the Contractor or any of his sub-contractors and/or agents.

#### **4. TIME**

4.1 The time(s) of delivery of the Goods shall be stated in the Order or, in the absence of any such statement, shall conform to the Specification (or other agreement in Writing and if no time for delivery is expressly agreed then delivery (and completion of performance of the services (if any) comprised in the Goods) shall be made within fourteen (14) Days of Receipt of Order).

4.2 Where the time(s) of delivery of the Goods has been agreed by the Parties and stated in the Order or otherwise agreed in Writing (and for the avoidance of doubt not where delivery is to be made within fourteen (14) Days of Receipt of Order because no time for delivery has expressly been agreed) then time for delivery shall be of the essence in relation to such delivery and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Participating Authority.

4.3 The Participating Authority may at its sole discretion, delay for a reasonable period, an agreed time of delivery provided that a minimum of three (3) Days' Written notice is given to the Point of Contact.

4.4 Subject always to Clause 41 (Force Majeure) failure by the Contractor to deliver the Goods or any part of them within the time agreed in accordance with Clause 4.1 shall without prejudice to the Participating Authority's other rights and remedies, entitle the Participating Authority (at its option):

4.4.1 to withdraw all Goods or such part thereof from the Contract provided confirmation is given to the Point of Contact in Writing to this effect;



- 4.4.2 to release itself from any obligations to accept and pay for such Goods provided confirmation is given to the Point of Contact in Writing to this effect;
- 4.4.3 to purchase other goods of the same or similar description from the Contractor or any third party;
- 4.4.4 to recover from the Contractor the amount by which the cost of purchasing other goods exceeds the amount that would have been payable to the Contractor in respect of the Goods replaced by such purchase and all costs incurred by the Participating Authority in purchasing such alternative goods, provided that the Participating Authority uses all reasonable endeavours to mitigate its losses in this respect.

## **5. CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT**

- 5.1 In consideration of the Contractor's due and proper performance of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor may charge the Participating Authority the Contract Price in accordance with this Clause 5.
- 5.2 The Contract Price shall be net. In the absence of Written agreement by the Parties to the contrary, the Contract Price shall include the cost of packaging, packing materials, addressing, labelling, loading and delivery to the Location, and all appropriate tax (excluding VAT) and duty.
- 5.3 Invoices shall not be rendered by the Contractor until completion of delivery of all of the Goods which are the subject of the Order unless otherwise agreed in Writing. Where the Parties agree delivery by instalments, the Contractor may render an invoice for each delivered instalment. Invoices shall be sent by the Contractor in accordance with the Participating

Authority's standing financial instructions, as provided to the Contractor by the Participating Authority.

- 5.4 Subject always to Clause 13, the Participating Authority shall pay the Contract Price to the Contractor (by BACS (Bank Automated Clearing System) if the Participating Authority so chooses), within thirty (30) Days of receipt of the Goods (in accordance with the Contract), or a Contractor's valid invoice (rendered in accordance with Clauses 5.3, 5.5 and 6.1) whichever is later.
- 5.5 Except where otherwise stated in the Order, the Contract Price is exclusive of VAT that shall be payable, if applicable, by the Participating Authority in addition to such Contract Price at the rate prevailing as at the tax invoice date. All invoices provided to the Participating Authority by the Contractor shall show the VAT calculations separately.
- 5.6 The Participating Authority shall not be responsible for the payment of any charges for Goods supplied in excess of the Goods required by the Order or any variation of it.
- 5.7 No payment of or on account of the Contract Price shall constitute any admission by the Participating Authority as to proper performance by the Contractor of its obligations.
- 5.8 In the event of the Participating Authority breaching Clause 5.4, the Contractor's sole remedy shall be to charge interest on the outstanding amount owed by the Participating Authority in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
- 5.9 In the event that the Participating Authority identifies the NDC as the Location on its Order for delivery of the Goods, the Contract Price for such Goods will

be reduced in accordance with the percentage reduction applicable to Goods which are to be delivered to the NDC (if any) as set out in the Framework Agreement.

## **6. FORMS**

6.1 Unless otherwise agreed in Writing by the Participating Authority and the Contractor:

6.1.1 an invoice shall be rendered on the Contractor's own invoice form;

6.1.2 all delivery notes and invoices shall be clearly marked with the Participating Authority's Order number, the name and address of the Participating Authority and the full and accurate description and quantity of Goods and date for delivery of any Goods and performance of any Services).

6.2 Subject to the prior written agreement of the Parties, the arrangements set out in Clause 6.1 may be suspended in favour of alternative arrangements (including electronic trading and new logistics processes) at the option of the Participating Authority.

## **7. PACKAGING**

7.1 Where the Goods are imported into the United Kingdom then for the purposes of the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 the Contractor shall assume the rolled-up obligations for all the activities performed outside the United Kingdom in relation to the Goods and the packaging which is used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery and presentation of the Goods in addition to any other obligations the Contractor may have pursuant to the said Regulations.

- 7.2 The Goods shall be securely packed and marked in a proper manner and in accordance with the Specification and any requirement of the carriers in trade packages of a type normally used by the professional contractors for commercial deliveries of the same or similar goods either in retail or in bulk quantities within the United Kingdom.
- 7.3 The following details shall be shown on the outside of every package unless otherwise specified in the Order:
- 7.3.1 a description of the Goods which shall include, without limitation, the weight of the Goods where available and the Participating Authority's Order number;
  - 7.3.2 the quantity of each type of Goods in the package where available;
  - 7.3.3 any special directions for storage;
  - 7.3.4 the expiry date of the contents where available;
  - 7.3.5 the batch number of each type of Goods;
  - 7.3.6 the name of the manufacturer of the Goods and the Contractor;  
and
  - 7.3.7 prominent and adequate warnings (in respect only of all containers of hazardous goods).
- 7.4 The Contractor shall be familiar with and comply with all conditions regarding packaging and containers and pallets, which are referenced in the Invitation to Tender including the **Packaging** Specification for Goods Deliveries to NP Logistics National Distribution Centre as updated from time to time and made available to the Framework Participant. In the event of a discrepancy

between any of the terms of Clauses 7, 8, 9 or 20 hereof and the provisions of the said document, the provisions of the said document shall prevail.

- 7.5 The Contractor shall indemnify the Participating Authority against all Direct Losses which the Participating Authority may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Clause 7 by the Contractor, its servants and/or agents.

## **8. IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS AND TRACEABILITY**

- 8.1 All Goods that customarily bear any mark, tab, brand, label, serial number or other device indicating place of origin, inspection by any government or other body or standard of quality must be delivered by the Contractor with all the said marks, tabs, brands, labels, serial numbers or other devices intact.

- 8.2 The Contractor will procure that during the manufacturing process and/or on receipt of Goods (from manufacturers'/contractor's premises) all Goods must be checked and logged.

- 8.3 The Contractor will procure that all information regarding batch codes and/or serial numbers of remaining stocks of goods (which would comprise Goods, if made the subject of an Order) are recorded and retained for a period of no less than one (1) year from the last date of delivery of Goods under such Order to enable rapid checks to be made on such remaining stocks and products to be traced in the event of a series of complaints or product recall.

## **9. CONTAINERS AND PALLETS**

The Contractor shall collect without charge any returnable containers (including pallets) within twenty one (21) Days of the date of the relevant delivery note unless otherwise instructed in Writing by the Participating Authority. Empty containers not so removed may be returned by the

Participating Authority at the Contractor's expense or otherwise disposed of at the Participating Authority's discretion. The Contractor shall credit in full any charged containers upon such collection, return or disposal.

## **10. VARIATION OF THE CONTRACT**

The Contractor Terms may not be varied otherwise than in accordance with the Framework Principal Conditions.

## **11. PROPERTY AND RISK**

Without prejudice to each of the party's other rights and obligations (including without limitation, the Participating Authority's rights under Clause 13), title and risk in the Goods shall pass to the Participating Authority immediately following acceptance of the delivery of the Goods in accordance with Clause 3.5.

## **12. TOOLS**

Any tools, patterns, materials, drawings, specifications and/or other data provided by the Participating Authority to the Contractor in connection with a Contract will at all times be at the Contractor's risk and remain the property of the Participating Authority and shall be delivered up to the Participating Authority immediately on request and are to be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of completing a Contract.

## **13. REJECTION OF GOODS**

13.1 Without prejudice to the operation of Clause 13.4 the Goods shall be inspected on behalf of the Participating Authority within a reasonable time after delivery under Clause 3 of a Contract and may be rejected if found to be defective or inferior in quality to or differing in form or material from the

requirements of a Contract, or if they do not comply with any term, whether expressed or implied, of a Contract.

13.2 Without prejudice to the operation of Clause 13.4, the Participating Authority shall notify the Contractor of:

13.2.1 the discovery of any defect within a reasonable time of its discovery and shall give the Contractor reasonable opportunities to investigate such defect as long as the Contractor acts in a timely manner; and

13.2.2 any shortage or damage caused in transit and found on delivery within fourteen (14) Days of delivery or such other time as agreed by the Parties.

13.3 The whole of any delivery may be rejected if a reasonable sample of the Goods taken indiscriminately from that delivery is found not to conform in every material respect to the requirements of the Contract.

13.4 The Participating Authority's right of rejection shall continue irrespective of whether the Participating Authority has in law accepted the Goods. In particular, taking delivery, inspection, or use of or making payment for the Goods (or part of them) by the Participating Authority shall not constitute acceptance, waiver or approval and shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy that the Participating Authority may have against the Contractor, provided that the right of rejection shall cease within a reasonable time from the date on which the Participating Authority discovers or might reasonably be expected to discover the defect or other relevant breach of contract.

13.5 Goods so rejected after delivery shall be removed by the Contractor at its own expense within fourteen (14) Days from the date of notification of

rejection. If the Contractor fails to remove them within such period the Participating Authority may return the rejected Goods at the Contractor's risk and expense and charge the Contractor for the cost of storage from the date of rejection. For the avoidance of doubt, Goods so rejected shall not be considered received by the Participating Authority, for the purposes of Clause 5.4.

13.6 If the Participating Authority so elects, and without prejudice to the Participating Authority's other rights and remedies, the Contractor shall free of charge and as quickly as possible either repair or replace such of the Goods as have been rejected by the Participating Authority in terms of this Clause 13.

#### **14. QUALITY**

14.1 The Goods shall be of first class quality, new, and shall be supplied strictly in accordance with the Specification and/or any sample previously provided to the Authority.

14.2 The Contractor warrants to the Participating Authority that the Goods shall conform to all relevant standards, specifications and conditions and all work performed by the Contractor shall be in accordance with best industry standards and practice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Contractor warrants that the Goods are not scrap goods.

14.3 The provisions of this Clause 14 shall survive any performance, acceptance or payment pursuant to the contract or remedial services provided by the Contractor.

14.4 The Contractor warrants that all statements and representations made in the Contractor's Tender response for the provision of the Goods (including any



response submitted by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to any Mini Tender Process) and any response to any Pre-Qualification Questionnaire submitted by or on behalf of the Contractor in respect of the provision of the Goods, in each case as clarified and/or amended in any subsequent submissions and accepted by the Authority/Participating Authority (as appropriate) relating to such submissions are true and accurate in all material respects.

14.5 The Contractor agrees to assign to the Participating Authority upon request the benefit of any warranty, guarantee or similar right which it has against any third party contractor or manufacturer of the Goods which are the subject of a Contract or any part thereof.

14.6 The Goods may be inspected by or on behalf of the Participating Authority either on the Contractor's premises or after delivery. Free access to the Contractor's premises for this purpose shall be granted to any authorised representative of the Participating Authority, provided a minimum of twenty four (24) hours prior notification is given to the Contractor of this request.

14.7 The Goods shall be fit and sufficient for the purpose for which such goods are ordinarily used and for any particular purpose made known to the Contractor by the Authority on behalf of the Participating Authority and the Participating Authority relies on the skill and judgement of the Contractor in the supply of the Goods (and performance of the services (if any) comprised in the Goods) and the execution of the Contract.

14.8 The Goods shall conform in all respects with all Legal Requirements.

## **15. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

15.1 The Contractor represents and warrants to the Participating Authority that the

Contractor has satisfied itself that all necessary tests and examinations have been made or will be made (including all tests and examinations of all applicable Locations) prior to delivery of the Goods to ensure that the Goods are designed and constructed so as to be safe and without risk to the health and safety of persons using the same and that it has made available to the Participating Authority adequate information about the use for which the Goods have been designed and have been tested and about any conditions necessary to ensure that when put to use the Goods will be safe and without risk to health.

15.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 15.1, the Contractor warrants that the sale, supply, importation, manufacture and assembly of such of the Goods as are either medicinal products within the meaning of the Medicines Act 1968 or medical devices within the meaning of the Medical Devices Regulations 2002 shall comply respectively with the provisions of the Medicines Acts 1968 and 1971 as from time to time amended or with the provisions of the Medical Devices Regulations SI 2002/618 from time to time amended, and the provisions of any relevant regulations made under these respective pieces of legislation.

15.3 In the event that the Contractor is in breach of Clauses 15.1 or 15.2 then without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Participating Authority, the Participating Authority shall be entitled to reject the Goods and the Contractor shall, subject to Clause 17, indemnify the Participating Authority against all Direct Losses incurred by the Participating Authority as a result of such breach by the Contractor its servants or agents, including the cost of purchasing alternative goods and all administrative costs incurred by the Participating Authority in inviting and awarding tenders for the supply of such alternative goods.

15.4 The Contractor shall observe, and ensure that all employees, consultants, agents and sub-contractors which it engages in relation to the services comprised in the Goods (if any) observe all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at the Location, and that have been communicated to it or about which, the Contractor ought reasonably to be aware. The Contractor shall not be liable under the Contract if, as a result of such observation, it is in breach of any of its obligations under the Contract. The Participating Authority shall be entitled to refuse any person in breach of such health and safety rules and regulations and other security requirements access to the Location, or any part thereof.

## **16. TRANSFER AND SUB-CONTRACTING**

16.1 The Contractor shall not Transfer the whole or any part of a Contract without the prior Written consent of the Participating Authority provided always that the Contract shall Transfer automatically to any Replacement Supplier approved by the Authority in terms of Clause 9.4 of the Framework Principal Conditions or any Transferee approved by the Authority in terms of Clauses 15 of the Framework Principal Conditions.

16.2 The Contractor shall not sub-contract the supply of any of the Goods without the prior Written consent of the Participating Authority without prejudice to the foregoing, in the event that the Contractor sub-contracts the production or supply of any Goods, every act or omission of the sub-contractor shall for the purposes of the Contract be deemed to be the act or omission of the Contractor and the Contractor shall be liable to the Participating Authority as if such act or omission had been committed or omitted by the Contractor itself.

16.3 Any Participating Authority shall be entitled to assign, novate, contract or

otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under any Contract or any part thereof to:-

16.3.1 any other Participating Authority, or

16.3.2 any other body (including but not limited to any private sector body) which substantially performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Participating Authority.

16.4 Without prejudice to Clause 16.3 all Contracts between a Contractor and a Participating Authority shall automatically devolve to any statutory successor of the said Participating Authority.

16.5 Any change in the legal status of any Participating Authority shall not affect the validity of any Contract. In such circumstances Contracts shall bind and inure to the benefit of any successor body of any Participating Authority.

16.6 Participating Authorities shall be entitled to disclose to any body to whom Contracts may be transferred pursuant to the foregoing provisions any Confidential Information of the Contractor which relates to the performance of Contracts by the Contractor. In such circumstances the Participating Authority shall authorise the said transferee to use such Confidential Information only for the purpose relating to the performance of the Contract and for no other purpose and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that such body accepts an obligation of confidence in terms similar to Clause 28.

16.7 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract for the purpose of performing the Contract, the Contractor shall cause a term to be included in such sub-contract:-

16.7.1 which requires payment to be made to the sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days from receipt of a

valid invoice as defined by the sub-contract requirements and provides that, for the purpose of payment alone, where the Participating Authority has made payment to the Contractor and the sub-contractor's invoice includes Goods in relation to which payment has been made by the Participating Authority then, to the extent that it relates to such Goods, the invoice shall be treated as valid and payment shall be made to the sub-contractor without deduction.

16.7.2 which notifies the sub-contractor that the contract forms part of a larger contract for the benefit of the Participating Authority and that should the sub-contractor have any difficulty in securing the timely payment of an invoice that matter may be referred by the sub-contractor to the Authority; and

16.7.3 in the same terms as set out in this Clause 16.7 (including for the avoidance of doubt this Clause 16.7.3) subject only to modification to refer to the correct designation of the equivalent party as the Contractor and sub-contractor as the case may be.

## **17. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY**

17.1 The Contractor shall:-

17.1.1 indemnify and hold the Participating Authority harmless from all claims and all direct, indirect or consequential liabilities (including loss of profits (whether direct or indirect), loss of business, depletion of goodwill and similar losses), loss of anticipated savings, Costs, proceedings, damages and expenses (including legal and other professional fees and expenses) awarded against, or incurred or paid by the Participating Authority as a

result of or in connection with any alleged or actual infringement, whether or not under Scots law, of any third party's Intellectual Property Rights or other rights arising out of the use or supply of the Goods; and

17.1.2 indemnify the Participating Authority against all Direct Losses which the Participating Authority may suffer or incur to the extent such Direct Losses are incurred by the Participating Authority as a result of or in connection with the supply of the Goods or the Deliverables as a consequence of a breach or a negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of the Contract by the Contractor, its servants and/or agents.

17.2 Under exception of:-

17.2.1 the indemnity provided by the Contractor under Clause 17.1.1; and

17.2.2 liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, and fraudulent misrepresentation or in other circumstances where liability may not be so limited under any applicable law;

in respect of which liability shall be unlimited, the liability of either Party in each Year under or in connection with each Contract, whether arising in contract, delict, negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall not exceed the greater of TWO MILLION POUNDS STERLING (£2,000,000) or 200% of the total Contract Price paid and payable by the Participating Authority to the Contractor in respect of Goods supplied or to be supplied under the Contract in that Year, or where an alternative sum is specified in the Invitation to Tender, Mini Tender Process or Letter of Award, the sum so specified.

17.3 The Contract Price of the Goods has been negotiated and agreed on the basis that the Parties may limit their liability to each other as set out in the Contractor Terms.

17.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that:

17.4.1 the Participating Authority is entering into this Agreement on the basis of the Specification. The Specification is accurate and complete in all material respects, and is not misleading; and

17.4.2 if it considers that the Participating Authority is not, or may not, be complying with any of the Participating Authority's obligations, it shall only be entitled to rely on this as relieving the Contractor's performance under this Agreement:-

(a) to the extent that it restricts or precludes provision of the Goods by the Contractor; and

(b) if the Contractor, promptly after the actual or potential non-compliance has come to its attention, has notified details to the Participating Authority in Writing.

## **18. INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall for the Contract Period, effect and maintain with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance covering all the matters for which it is liable, including matters which are the subject of indemnities under the Contract with a minimum limit of indemnity of, in respect of public liability, FIVE MILLION POUNDS STERLING (£5,000,000), and in respect of professional indemnity, TWO MILLION POUNDS STERLING (£2,000,000) *per annum* for any one (1) incident in any one (1) Year, unless an alternative figure has been specified in the Invitation to

Tender and/or Letter of Award, and/or Mini Tender Process or such other sum as may be agreed between the Participating Authority and the Contractor in Writing. The Contractor shall at the request of the Participating Authority produce the relevant policy or policies together with the receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premium due thereunder.

## **19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

19.1 During any dispute, including a dispute as to the validity of a Contract, the Contractor shall continue its performance of the provisions of all Contracts (unless and to the extent only that, the relevant Participating Authority requests in Writing to the Point of Contact that the Contractor does not do so).

19.2 The Parties to the Contract will use all of their respective reasonable endeavours to resolve such dispute by negotiation. If negotiations fail to resolve such dispute either party may refer the matter to an independent assessor chosen by mutual agreement, or, failing agreement appointed on the application of either party by the President of the Law Society of Scotland. The Parties will co-operate with any person appointed as an independent assessor providing him with such information and other assistance as he shall require and will pay his costs, as he shall determine or in the absence of such determination such costs will be shared equally. Neither Party will commence legal proceedings against the other until thirty (30) Days after the independent assessor's intervention in the dispute in question has failed to resolve the dispute.

## **20. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

20.1 The Contractor shall comply in all material respects with applicable environmental laws and regulations in force from time to time in relation to



the Goods or any other matter which is the subject of a Contract. Where the provisions of any such legislation are implemented by the use of voluntary agreements to which they have subscribed or codes of practice (as amended from time to time), the Contractor shall comply with such agreements or codes of practice as if they were incorporated into Scots law. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor shall:-

- 20.1.1 comply with all reasonable stipulations of the Participating Authority aimed at minimising the packaging of the Goods, or any other products supplied by the Contractor pursuant to a Contract;
- 20.1.2 promptly provide such data as may reasonably be requested by the Participating Authority from time to time regarding the weight and type of packaging according to material type used in relation to all Goods or any other products supplied to the Participating Authority under or pursuant to a Contract;
- 20.1.3 comply with all obligations imposed on it in relation to the Goods by the Producer Responsibility (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (or any other equivalent legislation giving effect in any part of the European Economic Area to the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 94/62/EC) as amended;
- 20.1.4 label all Goods supplied under a Contract, and the packaging of those Goods, to highlight environmental and safety information as required by applicable UK and EU legislation;
- 20.1.5 promptly provide all such information regarding the environmental impact of any Goods supplied or used under the Contract as may reasonably be required by the relevant Participating Authority to permit informed choices by end users.

20.2 The Contractor shall meet all reasonable requests by the Participating Authority for information evidencing the Contractor's compliance with the provisions of this Clause 20.

## **21. CANCELLATION OF ORDERS**

The Contract, or part thereof may be cancelled without penalty by any Participating Authority provided such notice as is referred to in the Invitation to Tender is provided by the Participating Authority, (or in the absence of any reference therein to such notice period, at any time up to one (1) calendar month) prior to the delivery date of the Goods as described in Clause 4.1, (as amended by Clause 4.3) and such cancellation shall have immediate effect as from the date of Written notice of cancellation issued by a Participating Authority to the Contractor.

## **22. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

22.1 In addition to the Participating Authority's other rights of termination set out in the Contract Terms, and without prejudice to its other rights and remedies, a Participating Authority may, without penalty to the Participating Authority, terminate a Contract in whole or in part:-

22.1.1 immediately on notice to the Contractor in the event that:-

- (a) the Contractor becomes Insolvent provided always that no Replacement Supplier has been approved by the Authority pursuant to Clause 9.4 of the Framework Principal Conditions in which event the Participating Authority shall not be entitled to terminate a Contract on the grounds of the Contractor's Insolvency;

- (b) the Contractor is in default of any duty of care or any fiduciary or statutory duty owed to any patient, employee or agent of the Participating Authority; or
- (c) the Contractor is in default of Clause 29 of the Framework Agreement Principal Conditions;

22.1.2 by giving fourteen (14) days' Written notice to that effect to the Contractor in the event that:-

- (a) the Framework Agreement to which the Contractor is appointed has terminated; or
- (b) the Contractor has failed to perform any material obligation under the Contract provided that (if capable of remedy) such failure has not been remedied to the Participating Authority's reasonable satisfaction within a period of thirty (30) days following Written notice demanding remedy of the failure in question being served by the Participating Authority on the Contractor; or
- (c) the Contractor has failed (in whole or in part) to perform any obligation of the Contractor owed to the Participating Authority on more than three (3) occasions; or
- (d) there is a change of ownership or control of the Contractor which, in the reasonable opinion of the Participating Authority, will have a material adverse impact on the provision of the Goods or the image or reputation of the Participating Authority, provided always that no Replacement Supplier has been approved by the

Authority pursuant to Clause 9.4 of the Framework Principal Conditions in which event the Participating Authority shall not be entitled to terminate the Contract on the grounds of a change of ownership or control of the Contractor; or

- (e) the Contractor, sub-contracts or purports to assign the Contract or any part of the Contract in breach of Clause 16.

22.1.3 on giving fourteen (14) days' Written notice in the event that at any time during the Contract Period:-

- (a) the Participating Authority considers that procurement of a new contract is required as a result of a substantial modification, or a series of modifications which, taken together, constitute a substantial modification, being, or having been, effected to the Contract; or
- (b) the Participating Authority becomes aware that the Contractor or any Relevant Person has been convicted of any of the offences listed in Regulation 58(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015; or
- (c) the ECJ makes a declaration that the Contract should not have been awarded to the Contractor in view of a serious infringement of the obligations under the Treaty and Directive; or
- (d) proceedings are served on the Participating Authority in connection with or related to any Transfer and/or any

Contract between the Participating Authority and any Transferee;

provided always that the Contractor shall be entitled to payment of such proportion of the Contract Price as is due and payable in terms of the Contract up to the date of termination on any of the grounds set out in this Clause 22.1.3.

22.2 The Participating Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor the amount of any Direct Losses resulting from termination by the Participating Authority under Clause 22.1. For the avoidance of doubt, Direct Losses shall for the purposes of this Clause 22.2 include reasonable cost to the Participating Authority of the time spent by its officers and agents in terminating the Contract and in making alternative arrangements for the provision of the Goods.

22.3 The Contractor may terminate the Contract by giving one (1) month's Written notice of termination to the Head of Procurement on behalf of the Participating Authority, if the Participating Authority has committed a material breach of the Contract and the Participating Authority has not corrected the said breach of Contract within a reasonable period of time of receipt of such Written notification from the Contractor of such breach.

22.4 In the event that a Force Majeure Event prevails beyond such period as the Party not in default of its obligations by virtue of the Force Majeure Event considers reasonable, (acting reasonably), such non-defaulting Party may, without penalty due to or by either party, terminate the Contract by giving such Written notice to the other Party as is reasonable. On the expiry of this notice period, the Contract shall terminate. Such termination shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in respect of any breach of the Contract

occurring prior to such termination.

22.5 Termination (in whole or in part) or expiry of a Contract shall not affect either Party's rights or obligations under that Contract which in terms hereof survive the termination or expiry of the Contract or the continuance of the part or parts not terminated where the Contract is terminated in part only.

22.6 Any termination (in whole or in part) of the Contract will not prejudice the rights, obligations and duties of each Party arising prior to such termination taking effect.

### **23. OTHER REMEDIES**

Without prejudice to any other rights and remedies provided in the Contractor Terms, if any Goods are not supplied in accordance with any terms of the Contract, the Participating Authority shall be entitled to be paid on demand all Direct Losses incurred by the Participating Authority in connection with the Contractor's breach (or breaches) of the Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, the term "**Direct Losses**" shall for the purposes of this Clause 23 include all reasonable Costs incurred by the Participating Authority in respect of the time spent by its officers and agents in making alternative arrangements for the supply of the Goods).

### **24. CONSEQUENCES OF TERMINATION**

24.1 To the extent requested by the Participating Authority, the Contractor will reasonably assist the Participating Authority in ensuring a smooth, timely, risk-reduced transition of the activities carried out under any Contract to a New Contractor at the expiry or earlier termination (for any reason) of such Contract, at the Contractor's cost, and shall return to such party as the Participating Authority may nominate, such items relating to the Contract as

may have been supplied by or on behalf of the Participating Authority.

24.2 Any termination of the Contract (in whole or in part, for any reason) will not prejudice the rights, obligations and duties of each Party arising prior to such termination taking effect.

24.3 The Participating Authority agrees that termination (in whole or in part for any reason) or expiry of the Contract shall not affect either Party's obligations which the Contractor Terms provides shall survive the termination or expiry or the continuance of the part or parts not terminated where the Contract is terminated in part only.

24.4 In anticipation of expiry or termination of the Contract (for any reason) the Participating Authority may require the Contractor to deliver up to the Participating Authority any data (including Confidential Information) relevant to the supply of the Goods on an appropriate media.

24.5 Clauses which expressly or by implication survive termination of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect after the expiry or termination of the Contract.

## **25. COMMUNICATIONS**

All written and oral communications, all documents and the labelling and marking of all packages shall be in English.

## **26. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The Contractor warrants that, except to the extent that the Goods incorporate designs furnished by the Participating Authority, nothing done by the Contractor in the provision of the Goods or performance of the Contract, or use by the Participating Authority of the Goods shall infringe any Person's

Intellectual Property Rights.

## **27. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS**

27.1 The Contractor shall keep proper records in respect of the Contract Price due to it under a Contract for the Contract Period and a minimum of three (3) years thereafter.

27.2 For the purpose of the examination and certification of any Participating Authorities' accounts or any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 or any re-enactment thereof of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Participating Authority has used their resources, Audit Scotland, the Accounts Commission, the Auditor General and the Participating Authority or its auditors may examine such documents, information, reports, records and data, whether in human or machine-readable form as they may reasonably require which are owned, held or are otherwise within the control of the Contractor and may require the Contractor to produce such oral or written explanation as they consider necessary. The Contractor acknowledges that it will fully cooperate with any counter fraud policy or investigation, whether carried out by the Counter Fraud and Security Management Service, or any equivalent body, successor or function, at any time. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the carrying out of an examination under Section 6(3)(d) of the National Audit Act 1983 or any re-enactment thereof in relation to the Contractor is not a function exercisable under any Contract.

27.3 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to place similar obligations on its sub-contractors in all sub-contracts entered into in relation to the Contract to ensure access by the Participating Authority and its duly authorised representatives, where appropriate, to the relevant information of such sub-



contractors.

## **28. CONFIDENTIALITY**

28.1 In respect of all Confidential Information provided by, or on behalf of either Party (“**the Discloser**”) to the other Party (“**the Recipient**”), and subject to the terms of the Contract, the Recipient undertakes to the Discloser that it will:

28.1.1 keep that Confidential Information completely and strictly confidential and keep in safe custody all documentation and media recording of the same;

28.1.2 save as expressly permitted in the Contractor Terms, not disclose, copy, reproduce, publish or distribute the whole or any part of that Confidential Information to any person unless authorised in Writing by a duly authorised representative of the Discloser;

28.1.3 use that Confidential Information only for the performance of the Contract and will not use that Confidential Information for its own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Discloser; and

28.1.4 maintain that Confidential Information as the Discloser's property,

28.2 The obligation to maintain the confidentiality of, and the prohibitions and restrictions on use of, the Confidential Information shall not apply to information:

28.2.1 which the Discloser confirms in Writing is not required to be treated as Confidential Information;

28.2.2 which is or comes into the public domain otherwise than through

any disclosure prohibited by a Contract;

28.2.3 which is received from a third party who lawfully acquired or developed it and who is under no obligation of confidence in relation to its disclosure; or

28.2.4 disclosed pursuant to Clause 28.7 (Scottish Government Health Directorate disclosure and disclosure to other Government departments and agencies).

28.3 For the purpose of this Clause 28, no Confidential Information shall be deemed to be in the public domain merely because such information is embraced by more general information or in the case of a complex body of information, because one (1) or more elements of it are separately available in the public domain.

28.4 Where the Participating Authority receives Confidential Information from the Contractor, the Participating Authority may disclose such Confidential Information to, and permit its use by its staff, agents and any third party for any purpose provided for or contemplated by the Contract.

28.5 The Participating Authority shall be entitled to disclose any Confidential Information received from the Contractor to its professional advisors to the extent that the Participating Authority considers that they have a reasonable need to receive and consider the same.

28.6 Save as otherwise expressly permitted in the Contractor Terms, the Contractor shall be permitted to disclose the Confidential Information to its directors, officers, employees, agents and professional advisors who need to see and know it in connection with provision of the Goods (who are hereafter called the “**Permitted Persons**”) subject to obtaining confidentiality

restrictions no less stringent than those set out in this Clause 28.

28.7 The Participating Authority shall be free to disclose the terms of a Contract and any documents connected with provision of the Goods to and within the Scottish Government Health Directorates and to other Government departments, agencies and non-departmental public bodies and the Parties agree that the Participating Authority shall be free to use and disclose such information on such terms and in such manner as the Participating Authority sees fit.

28.8 The Parties acknowledge that damages may not be an adequate remedy for any breach of this Clause 28 by either Party or any of the Contractor's Permitted Persons and the Parties may be entitled to obtain any legal relief, including interdict, in the event of any breach of this Clause 28.

28.9 Without prejudice to the Parties' other obligations under the Framework Agreement/Contract, if directed to by the Discloser at any time and in any event promptly following expiry or termination (for any reason), the Recipient shall return to the Discloser or destroy all Confidential Information of the Participating Authority and shall certify that it does not retain any such Confidential Information, save to the extent that any Confidential Information needs to be retained:

28.9.1 for the purposes of the supply or receipt of Goods;

28.9.2 in cases where there is a partial termination for the purposes of the performance of the remainder of the Contract;

28.9.3 in order to enforce any of its rights or remedies under the Contract; or

28.9.4 in order to maintain a record of the Confidential Information of the

Discloser to enable the Recipient to establish its continuing obligations under this Clause 28.

28.10 In the event that the Framework Participant fails to comply with this Clause 28, the Participating Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract by notice in writing with immediate effect.

28.11 All obligations set out in this Clause 28 to keep confidential all Confidential Information as defined in:-

28.11.1 part (a) of the definition of “**Confidential Information**” shall remain in force in perpetuity notwithstanding the expiry or termination (for any reason) of the Contract; and

28.11.2 part (b) of the definition of “**Confidential Information**” shall remain in force during the Contract Period and for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

## **29. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

29.1 Nothing whether expressly provided in the Contractor Terms, or otherwise implied, shall preclude the Participating Authority from making public under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and/or any codes or regulations applicable from time to time relating to access to public authorities’ information (“**FOI**”), details of all matters relating to the Framework Agreement and the Contract unless (i) such details constitute a trade secret; (ii) the disclosure of such details would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including but not limited to the Contractor or any Participating Authority); or (iii) such details fall within any other exemption under FOI provided always that application of any such

exemption referred to at (i), (ii) or (iii) above, shall be at the sole discretion of the Participating Authority. The Participating Authority will take all reasonable steps to provide the Contractor with notice of any intended disclosures under FOI prior to making such information public.

29.2 The Framework Participant shall:-

29.2.1 transfer any request for information relating to the Contractor Terms, to the Participating Authority as soon as practicable after receipt and in any event within five (5) Days of receiving such request for information;

29.2.2 comply within five (5) Days with any request by the Participating Authority; and

29.2.3 provide all such assistance as may be required by the Participating Authority;

to enable the Participating Authority to comply with its obligations under FOI.

### **30. DATA PROTECTION**

30.1 For the purposes of the following provisions of this Clause, the terms “**Data Controller**”, “**Data Processor**”, “**Data Subject**”, “**Personal Data**”, “**process**” and “**Sensitive Personal Data**”, shall have the meanings given to them in Data Protection Legislation. Where, under Data Protection Legislation, any of these terms and/or their meanings are changed or replaced:

30.1.1 the term shall be interpreted to refer to the term or concept (and the meaning) that most closely corresponds to it under Data Protection Legislation then in force; and/or

- 30.1.2 where the term remains the same but the meaning changes then the term shall be given the meaning given to it under Data Protection Legislation then in force.
- 30.2 In the case of Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data references in this Clause to such terms shall only apply to Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data processed in the course of the performance of the Contract.
- 30.3 The Contractor and the Participating Authority acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Contractor is the Data Processor and the Participating Authority is the Data Controller of any Personal Data.
- 30.4 The Contractor warrants that it will, at all times throughout the Contract Period, process the Personal Data in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation.
- 30.5 The Contractor shall promptly comply with any request from the Participating Authority requiring the Contractor to amend, transfer or delete the Personal Data.
- 30.6 At any time throughout the Contract Period, at the request of the Participating Authority, the Contractor shall provide to the Participating Authority a copy of all Personal Data held by it in the format and on the media reasonably specified by the Participating Authority as applicable. If the Contractor fails to provide the Participating Authority with a copy of such requested Personal Data, the Participating Authority may, without limiting its other rights or remedies, enter the Contractor's premises and take a copy of such Personal Data.
- 30.7 The Contractor shall process the Personal Data only to the extent and in

such manner as is necessary for the purposes of this Contract and only in accordance with the Participating Authority's instructions from time to time and shall not process the Personal Data for any other purpose. The Contractor shall keep a record of any processing of Personal Data it carries out, which record shall be made available to the Participating Authority at any time throughout the Contract Period upon request by the Participating Authority.

30.8 The Contractor shall not allow any sub-contractor to process any Personal Data, without the prior written consent of the Participating Authority. Any such consent shall require that the Contractor has a contract in place with such sub-contractor under which the obligations set out this Clause 30 are imposed on such Sub-Contractor in respect of its processing of the Personal Data.

30.9 The Contractor:-

30.9.1 warrants that it has and undertakes that it will at all times have in place appropriate technical and organisational measures sufficient to comply at least with the obligations imposed on the Participating Authority by Data Protection Legislation;

30.9.2 shall provide the Participating Authority within twenty (20) days of request a written description of the technical and organisational measures referred to in Clause 30.9.1 in sufficient detail to enable the Participating Authority to determine whether such measures are sufficient to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Legislation and this Contract;

30.9.3 shall ensure that the Contractor's technical and organisational measures described in Clause 30.9.1:-

- (a) reflect the level of damage that might reasonably be expected to be suffered by a Data Subject as a result of any unauthorised access or disclosure or accidental loss or destruction of their Personal Data;
- (b) at all times specifically address the nature of Sensitive Personal Data within such programmes and procedures;
- (c) prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of the Personal Data and protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, the Personal Data; and
- (d) comply as a minimum with any Security Requirements;

30.9.4 shall ensure that its confidentiality and security policies are consistent with NHS Scotland Information Security Policy Framework, NHS CEL 25(2011) and NHS Scotland Code of Practice on Protecting Patient Confidentiality issued by the Scottish Executive 2012 or any update thereof and afford an equivalent level of protection in respect of Sensitive Personal Data.

30.10 The Contractor shall notify the Participating Authority immediately if it becomes aware of any unauthorised or unlawful or attempted unauthorised or unlawful Processing, loss of, destruction of, damage to, or corruption of the Personal Data or if the Personal Data becomes unusable. Where any Personal Data is lost, destroyed or becomes damaged, corrupted or unusable as a result of fault or failure on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall restore such Personal Data at its own expense. The Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the Participating Authority in connection with any legal or other proceedings



which the Participating Authority may make against any person for breach of confidence relating to any Personal Data.

30.11 The Contractor shall provide access upon five (5) days notice from the Participating Authority to its data processing facilities, data files and documentation needed for Processing of Personal Data and to permit auditing and/or certification by the Participating Authority (or any other duly qualified auditors or inspection authorities) in order to ascertain compliance with this Contract.

30.12 The Contractor shall:

30.12.1 not transfer Personal Data to countries outside of the EEA; and

30.12.2 may transfer Personal Data to countries within the EEA unless or until the Information Commissioner's Office or such other UK governmental or regulatory body with competent authority and jurisdiction determines that the EEA does not offer an adequate or equivalent level of protection for the personal data of citizens of the United Kingdom. In such circumstances the parties agree to implement any and all required changes in accordance with the procedure detailed in Clause 9 of the Framework Principal Conditions.

30.13 The Contractor shall ensure that access to the Personal Data is limited to:

30.13.1 those employees who need access to the Personal Data to meet the Contractor's obligations under this Contract; and

30.13.2 in the case of any access by any employee, such part or parts of the Personal Data as is strictly necessary for performance of that employee's duties.

30.14 The Contractor shall ensure that all employees who have or could have access to any Personal Data:

30.14.1 are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data;

30.14.2 have undertaken training in the laws relating to handling personal data;

30.14.3 are aware both of the Contractor's duties and their personal duties and obligations under such laws and this Contract; and

30.14.4 if required by the Participating Authority in writing, sign a statement in which they undertake to keep all such information confidential. The Contractor shall take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any of the Contractor's employees who have access to the Personal Data.

30.15 The Contractor shall notify the Participating Authority within two (2) days if it receives:

30.15.1 a request from a Data Subject for access to that person's Personal Data;

30.15.2 a complaint or request relating to the Participating Authority's obligations under Data Protection Legislation; and/or

30.15.3 any other communication relating directly or indirectly to the processing of any Data in connection with this Contract.

The Contractor shall provide the Participating Authority with full co-operation and assistance in relation to any request and/or complaint made in respect of the Data whether such request and/or complaint is addressed to the Contractor, the Participating Authority or otherwise. The Contractor shall not

disclose Personal Data to any Data Subject or to a third party other than at the request of the Participating Authority or as provided for in this Contract unless required to do so at law or by order of a competent authority.

- 30.16 On termination of the Contract, howsoever arising, the Contractor shall immediately cease using all Personal Data in the possession or control of the Contractor. Furthermore all Personal Data in the possession or control of the Contractor shall, at the request of the Participating Authority be returned to the Participating Authority in the format and on the media reasonably specified by the Participating Authority or destroyed by the Contractor and the Contractor shall certify in writing to the Participating Authority that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief the original and all copies of all Personal Data received or obtained or accessed by the Contractor have been returned to the Participating Authority, or destroyed. This requirement shall apply to all copies of Personal Data in any form whether partial or complete. If the Contractor fails to return the Personal Data to the Participating Authority upon request, the Participating Authority (or its nominee) may, without limiting its other rights or remedies, enter the Contractor's premises and take possession of the Personal Data.
- 30.17 Subject to Clause 16 of the Contract and Clause 15 of the Framework Principal Conditions, the Contractor shall not assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer any of its Processing obligations in respect of the Personal Data to any third parties.
- 30.18 The Contractor agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified and defend at its own expense the Participating Authority from and against any and all costs, claims, damages, fines, monetary sanctions, liabilities or expenses incurred by the Participating Authority or for which the Participating Authority may become liable due to any failure by the Contractor or its employees or agents

to comply with any of its obligations under this Clause 30. For the avoidance of doubt, the indemnity set out in this Clause 30 shall not be subject to any limit of liability in terms of Clause 17.2 (Limits of Liability).

30.19 The Participating Authority shall be entitled to witness the physical removal by the Contractor of all Participating Authority Data from any Contractor equipment or site on or at which the Participating Authority Data may reside, and shall be entitled to perform its own independent check to verify that the Contractor has complied with its obligations under this Clause 30.

### **31. THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 AND THE ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION ACT 1996**

31.1 The Contractor shall, and shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that its employees or agents and/or sub-contractors shall, at all times, act in a way which is compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of Section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the United Kingdom and in any other country.

31.2 The Contractor shall not and shall procure that its employees, agents and sub-contractors shall not be in breach of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996.

31.3 Subject to Clause 17, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Participating Authority against all costs, claims, damages or expenses to the extent incurred by the Participating Authority or for which the Participating Authority may become liable due to any failure by the Contractor or its employees or agents to comply with any of its obligations under Clauses 31.1 and 31.2.

### **32. POWER TO AGREE**

32.1 The Contractor warrants to the Participating Authority that it has all necessary power, corporate standing and authorisation to enter into and be bound by the terms of the Contract. At all times in connection with the Contract, the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and nothing in the Contract shall create a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint venture as between the Contractor and the Participating Authority and accordingly the Contractor shall not be authorised to bind the Participating Authority.

32.2 The Contractor warrants that it currently has and shall maintain for the Contract Period all and any agreements (including licences) as may be required with any third parties to perform the obligations incumbent upon it under the Contract.

### **33. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

The Contractor shall not incur any liabilities on behalf of the Participating Authority or, make any representations or give any warranty on behalf of the Participating Authority or, enter into any contract or obligation on behalf of the Participating Authority.

### **34. INDUCEMENTS TO PURCHASE AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

34.1 The Contractor shall not offer to the Participating Authority or any of its employees or agents as an agreement collateral to the Contract, any inappropriate advantage. For the avoidance of doubt, the Contractor shall not breach this Clause 34.1 by virtue only of the application of a cash discount strictly in accordance with the Contract Pricing, or the institution of training of the Participating Authority's employees in accordance with the Specification.

34.2 The Contractor warrants that in entering into this Contract it has not

committed any Prohibited Act.

## **35. GENERAL**

35.1 Save as required by law and/or the requirements of any relevant stock exchange, no publicity shall be made by either Party relating to any matter in connection with the Contract without the prior written consent of the other Party.

35.2 Any decision, act or thing that the Participating Authority is required or authorised to take or do under the Contract (including submission of Orders) may be taken or done by any person authorised, either generally or specifically, by the Participating Authority to take or do that decision, act or thing, provided that upon receipt of a Written request the Participating Authority shall inform the Contractor of the name of any person so authorised.

35.3 The Contractor shall from time to time upon the request of the Participating Authority, execute any additional documents and do any other acts or things which may reasonably be required to implement the provisions of the Contract.

35.4 Any provision of the Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating or rendering unenforceable the remaining provisions hereof and any such invalidity or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction. In the event of a holding of invalidity so fundamental as to prevent the accomplishment of the purposes of the Contract, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations to remedy such invalidity.

35.5 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it has not relied on any representation, warranty or undertaking (whether written or oral) in relation to the Goods and therefore irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have to claim damages against the Participating Authority for any misrepresentation (whether made carelessly or not) or for breach of any warranty unless the representation relied upon is set out in the Framework Agreement or the Contract or unless such representation was made fraudulently.

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35.6.1 The failure by the Participating Authority or the Contractor to insist upon the strict performance of any provision, term or condition of the Contract or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon the breach thereof shall not constitute a waiver of that Party's rights or remedies in respect of any such breach by the other Party or any subsequent breach of such provision, term or condition;

35.6.2 No waiver of any of the provisions of the Contract shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and notified to the other party in Writing in accordance with the provisions of Clause 37.

35.7 Each Party shall bear its own expenses in relation to the preparation, execution and implementation of the Contract including all costs, legal fees and other expenses so incurred.

35.8 The Contractor warrants represents and undertakes to the Participating Authority that there are no pending or threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency which would materially adversely

affect the financial condition, business or operations of the Contractor and that there are no material contracts existing to which the Contractor is a party which prevent it from entering into and performing the Contract; and that the Contractor has satisfied itself as to the nature and extent of the risks assumed by it under the Contract and gathered all information necessary to perform its obligations under the Contract and all other obligations assumed by it.

35.9 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor, that sum may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due, to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Participating Authority.

## **36. DIVERSITY**

36.1 The Contractor shall not discriminate unlawfully within the meaning and scope of any Legal Requirement relating to discrimination (whether in relation to race, gender, disability, religion or otherwise) in employment or performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the observance of this Clause by all staff and by all contractors and sub-contractors of the Contractor and the Contractor shall ensure that its policies and practices comply with the requirements of such Legal Requirements, including without limitation, the Equality Act 2010, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, the Equality Act 2006 and the Pensions Act 1995 (“**the Anti-Discrimination Legislation**”).

36.2 The Contractor shall notify the Participating Authority immediately of any investigation of or proceedings against the Contractor under the Anti-



Discrimination Legislation and shall cooperate fully and promptly with any requests of the person or body conducting such investigation or proceedings, including allowing access to any documents or data required, attending any meetings and providing any information requested.

36.3 The Contractor shall indemnify the Participating Authority against all costs, claims, charges, demands, liabilities, damages, losses and expenses incurred or suffered by the Participating Authority arising out of or in connection with any investigation conducted or any proceedings brought under the Anti-Discrimination Legislation due directly or indirectly to any act or omission by the Contractor, its agents, employees or sub-contractors.

36.4 The Contractor shall impose on any sub-contractor obligations substantially similar to those imposed on the Contractor by this Clause 36.

## **37. NOTICES**

37.1 Any notice to be given under the Contract shall either be delivered personally, sent by first class recorded delivery post (air-mail if overseas) or electronic mail. Except as otherwise provided in the Contractor Terms, the address for service shall be the registered or principal office of the recipient or such other address for receipt of notices as either Party may previously have notified to the other Party in Writing. A notice shall be deemed to have been served:

37.1.1 if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;

37.1.2 if posted, at the expiration of forty eight (48) hours or (in the case of air-mail seven (7) Days) after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities; and

37.1.3 if sent by electronic mail, at the time of the transmission.

37.2 In proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that personal delivery was made, or that the envelope containing such notice was properly addressed and delivered into the custody of the postal Participating Authority as prepaid first class, recorded delivery or air-mail letter (as appropriate) or that the facsimile was transmitted on a tested line or that the correct transmission report was received from the facsimile machine sending the notice as the case may be, or that the hard drive has recorded the successful transmission of the electronic mail.

37.3 All notices deliverable to the Framework Participant/Contractor shall be addressed to the Point of Contact.

### **38. SPECIFIC IMPLEMENT**

The Parties acknowledge and agree that in the event of a material failure on the part of the Contractor in performance of its obligations under the Contract, the loss or damage incurred by the Participating Authority by reason of such material failure will be such that damages may not be an adequate remedy. Accordingly, the Participating Authority shall have the right to specific performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. Such remedy shall be in addition to and not in lieu or limitation of other remedies provided to the Participating Authority hereunder or otherwise at law.

### **39. COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

In addition to its obligations under Clause 5.5 of the Framework Principal Conditions (if any), the Contractor shall implement and perform any Community Benefits to the extent set out in the Order or any document issued by the Participating Authority pursuant to a Mini Tender Process and the Contractor's response thereto.

## **40. PROHIBITED ACT**

### **40.1 “Prohibited Act” means:-**

40.1.1 offering, giving or agreeing to give to the Participating Authority or any other public body or to any person employed by or on behalf of the Participating Authority or any other public body any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward:

(a) for doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of this Contract or any other agreement with the Participating Authority or any other public body; or

(b) for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this Contract or any other agreement with the Participating Authority or any other public body;

40.1.2 entering into this Contract or any other agreement with the Participating Authority or any other public body in connection with which commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by the Contractor or on its behalf, or to its knowledge, unless before the relevant agreement is entered into particulars of any such commission and of the terms and conditions of any such agreement for the payment of such commission have been disclosed in writing to the Participating Authority;

40.1.3 committing any offence:

(a) under the Bribery Act 2010;

(b) under any Law creating offences in respect of fraudulent

acts; or

(c) at common law, in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to this Agreement or any other agreement with the Participating Authority or any other public body; or

(d) defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Participating Authority or any other public body.

40.2 The Contractor warrants that in entering into this Contract it has not committed any Prohibited Act.

40.3 If the Contractor (or anyone employed by or acting on behalf of it) commits any Prohibited Act, then the Participating Authority shall be entitled to act in accordance with 40.3.1 to 40.3.3 below:

40.3.1 if a Prohibited Act is committed by the Contractor or by an employee not acting independently of the Contractor, then the Participating Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Contractor, and no compensation or payment shall be due to the Contractor in respect of such termination;

40.3.2 if the Prohibited Act is committed by an employee of the Contractor or a sub-contractor acting independently of the Contractor, then the Participating Authority may give written notice to the Contractor of termination and the Contract will terminate unless, within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of such notice, the Contractor terminates the employee's employment or sub-subcontract (as the case may be) and (if necessary) procures an alternative sub-contractor acceptable to

the Participating Authority;

40.3.3 any notice of termination under this Clause 40 shall specify:

- (a) the nature of the Prohibited Act;
- (b) the identity of the party whom the Participating Authority believes has committed the Prohibited Act; and
- (c) the date on which the Contract will terminate in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Clause 40.

40.4 Without prejudice to its other rights or remedies under this Clause 40, the Participating Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor:

40.4.1 the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission; and

40.4.2 any other loss sustained in consequence of any breach of this Clause 40.

40.5 Nothing contained in this Clause 40 shall prevent the Contractor from paying any proper commission or bonus to its employees within the agreed terms of their employment.

40.6 The Contractor shall notify the Participating Authority on the occurrence (and details) of any Prohibited Act promptly on the Contractor becoming aware of its occurrence.

## **41. FORCE MAJEURE**

41.1 A Party, provided that it has complied with the provisions of Clause 40.3, shall not be in breach of a Contract, nor liable for any failure or delay and

performance of any obligations under the Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event.

41.2 The corresponding obligations of the other Party will be suspended to the same extent as those of the first Party first affected by the Force Majeure Event.

41.3 Any Party that is subject to a Force Majeure Event shall not be in breach of the Contract provided that:-

41.3.1 it promptly notifies the other Party in writing of the nature and extent of the Force Majeure Event causing its failure or delay in performance such notice to include details of the Force Majeure Event, including evidence of its effect on the obligations of the Party affected by the Force Majeure Event and any action proposed to mitigate its effect;

41.3.2 it could not have avoided the effect of the Force Majeure Event by taking precautions which, having regard to all the matters known to it before the Force Majeure Event, it ought reasonably to have taken, but did not; and

41.3.3 it has used all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event, to carry out its obligations under the Contract in any way that is reasonably practicable and to resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible.

41.4 Failure by the Contractor to perform any of the obligations under the Contract by virtue of a Force Majeure Event shall, without prejudice to the Participating Authority's other rights and remedies, entitle the Participating Authority (at its

option):-

41.4.1 to withdraw such Goods from the Order provided confirmation is given in Writing to this effect;

41.4.2 to release itself from any obligations to and to accept and pay for any Goods delivered late, as a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, provided confirmation is given in Writing to this effect; and

41.4.3 to purchase other goods of the same or similar description from any other Framework Participant or any third party.

## **42. LAW**

The Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with Scots law and both parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

**SCHEDULE: PART 3**

**NHSS ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS**