

# National Framework Agreement for Sterile Services and Endoscopy Decontamination Facility Solutions

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## List of Eligible Users of the Framework Agreement

The Countess of Chester Hospital's Commercial Procurement Service wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for use by all UK NHS bodies (and any future successors to these organisations). The following organisations are considered the core client base who may choose to be a Participating Authority:

1. Any of the following Customers, and any of their successors:
  - a) NHS bodies in England and Wales including clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), care trusts, NHS trusts and Welsh local health boards listed by the NHS Digital Organisation Data Service;
  - b) NHS bodies in Scotland, including regional NHS Boards, Special NHS Boards and public health bodies listed by NHS Scotland;
  - c) Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland listed by Health and Social Care Northern Ireland;

Other organisation which may use the Framework Agreement are:

2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement or updated web-link.
3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide> or any replacement or updated web-link.
4. Those bodies in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland which are within the scope of the definition of "Contracting Authority" in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and/or Schedule 1.
5. Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and
  - (i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed in this document;
  - (ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this document; or
  - (iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this document;
  - (iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this document.
6. The voluntary sector, charities and/or other entities and private organisations and which are not UK public sector bodies may also use the Framework Contracts if the Authority is satisfied that:

- (i) such entity is calling-off services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Contracts on their own account.
- (ii) such entity is acting as a managing agent or procuring on behalf of the public sector delivering services of a public nature.

For the avoidance of doubt, any successor bodies of any of the above entities shall be entitled to place Orders and shall be deemed Participating Authorities for the purposes of this Framework Agreement.