

Number	Question	Answer
1	Who retains the IP generated as part of the Contract?	<p>The Supplier shall retain any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Supplier Background IPR;</li> <li>(ii) the Third Party IPR; and</li> <li>(iii) the Project Specific IPR.</li> </ul> <p>The Customer shall retain any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Customer Background IPR; and</li> <li>(ii) Customer Data.</li> </ul>
2	Matthew Gould sent us a letter saying you were not looking at remote monitoring in the near future - has that position changed?	NHSX is supportive of remote monitoring, this is reflected in the letter references.
3	Will we be given a 'tour' of the Spark DPS portal, or walked through the interface? I went through the entire supplier questionnaire, and saved my answers - but it has now disappeared completely from the portal <input type="checkbox"/> yet the system is able to recognise it as a previous questionnaire, as it offers to use it as a template for starting a new questionnaire response! Would love to know where it's gone	If you are unable to find the previous application please contact <a href="mailto:info@crownccommercial.gov.uk">info@crownccommercial.gov.uk</a> and we'll investigate your specific application and where it is in the workflow.
4	Will this cover time frames that were stipulated on the initial RFQ?	Yes, although timelines are indicative.

5	I have a question regarding the requirements for joining the Spark framework. In order to qualify, suppliers need to demonstrate that their products reflect "disruptive innovation" or "radical innovation". Many suppliers, including large and established vendors, would claim to offer cutting edge products, which "displace market-leading firms, products and alliances" and "replace existing technologies and methods". Can CCS please clarify what products shouldn't be sold through Spark, and how Spark's scope is differentiated from other CCS frameworks through which suppliers can sell the same products (TS, G-Cloud, DAS, HSSF etc)	Spark has a focus on new and innovative technologies and is intended as stepping stone for new products, some technologies will pass very quickly into a more mature market and may well then be offered through other agreements. Only products within the scope of Spark should be sold through it, see details in link: <a href="https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#technology">https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#technology</a>
6	How do you expect the funding to be transferred when patients transition from NHS hospital care to Council or private funded care at home?	At this stage NHSX is inviting interested parties to register to the framework, no funding decisions have been made at this stage.
7	When will the SoR be published? before or after registration on Spark?	The SoR will be published when the remote care competition is released in early June.
8	Are you only interested in technologies or in full services which have a tech partner working with a service provider?	This call is for technologies but it is possible for organisations to work together.
9	Would you consider start ups	Yes of course, startups & scale ups are welcome provided the technology meets the key requirements set out in the spark register and subsequent documentation.
10	Is it mandatory that it has to address the symptoms of COVID or can it facilitate remote care in other healthcare areas impacted by COVID	Functionality that can be used to manage people with COVID-19 at home is a requirement
11	How have the main NHS application suppliers been engaged to support this e.g. System1, EMIS etc.	At this stage NHSX is inviting interested parties to register to the framework, discussions with a range of interested stakeholders are planned.
12	Does it require integrated heart rate / temperature monitoring via a wristband or similar? How are you expecting these to be supplied	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
13	Will the remote monitoring platform need to have multiple ways to enter data (e.g. smartphone app, website)	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables The ability to enter data in different devices / operating systems is preferable.
14	Are you looking to select a number of tools - how many - and then let local entities "select" whichever one they like ?	We haven't set a specific number of tools but we are expecting a range of products that may be suitable to meet local need.

15	What capacity does the NHS have for RPM at present, and to what extent will this new initiative increase this?	Remote Monitoring is identified within NHS England's long term plan. There are many examples of good practice across England, this process will enable localities scale remote care more easily.
16	Is this about a demand pull from NHS trusts?	The intention is to assist organisations to identify a range of solutions to manage growing demand and backlogs.
17	We are an existing supplier on RM6094 Spark Innovation including digital healthcare. Can we update our registration to include some new capabilities?	We have responded directly to the organisation that posted this question, the answer is as follows:  Please email <a href="mailto:info@crownccommercial.gov.uk">info@crownccommercial.gov.uk</a> stating that you want to update your registration, your application will be changed from Appointed to Register 1 status and you will be able to update your application and filters. During this time you will not appear in customers searches until you have submitted your application and been appointed.
18	With separate suppliers providing separate pieces of the hardware and software solution across various CCGs and Trusts, do you envision collating the data?	There are no plans to centrally collate these data.
19	Sorry missed the start of the webinar? Does this cover direct to patient ECG monitoring devices, where the patient receives the device at home and returns it in the post therefore removing the need to go into hospital?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
20	Please can we also ensure a complete list of the Questions and Answers from this session are shared post the webex. Thanks	Yes
21	Does it require additional resource support remote eg out of hours cover done via remote consultants. Is this part of what you are looking for	No, however, NHSX are supporting the development of a framework that each region or system may choose to utilise in different ways.
22	Can you be on Spark for specific lots and be used to transact all aspects of innovation?	There is only one lot Spark but multiple filters. You should match the filters to your capabilities and possible use cases.

23	How many pages is the legal contract for Spark and how many questions need to be answered	<p>The DPS questionnaire is made of two parts, the standard selection question, which is common to public sector procurement and can be reused with the Supplier Registration Service.</p> <p>The DPS specific questionnaire has around 25 questions but most of these are around selecting filters.</p> <p>The CCS to supplier contract is 168 pages</p> <p>The supplier to customer contract is 238 pages</p>
24	will we be able to see the details of the tender without being registered on spark - or will it only be released to spark-registered suppliers?	It will only be released to suppliers registered on Spark.
25	Smart metering and the data available about energy usage and can give a lot of useful information about occupancy and use in the house. A solution based on this can also be non-invasive. Is a solution based around Smart metering be considered? - Arun Sambodaran (Gemserv)	The scope of this piece of work is for the monitoring, or reporting of clinical signs related to Covid-19. Although smart metering may provide valuable insight, unless it can be associated to clinical signs it would be out of scope for this piece of work at present.
26	Is the statement of requirements available to be shared?	As part of the tender pack
27	Would you be looking to run solutions on a single cloud based infrastructure spine, as surely a large number of possible solutions may be impossible to be implemented with various interfaces? This will require open API, webhooks etc. All securely and compliant of course.	No, hosting arrangements will be determined locally.
28	Is NHSx proactively approaching companies it would like to work with, to ensure that they are on the spark framework?	We are communicating this open procurement to the market in general
29	if emerging technologies are on their way that will support and subject to funding support the management of LTC's (i.e. Innovate funding) is it important to register that product on SPARK now or should we wait until completion of the technology development and R&D project?	In order to get onto Spark the main gateway is the provision of a referenceable contract example. The contract will need to have undergone a gateway or process to ascertain it works in order to successfully apply
30	Once the shortlist of successful Spark NHS suppliers is created, will it function as a catalogue? Or will specific further competitions be released for specific opportunities	All contracts will have to be awarded through a competition.

31	Are you looking for responses that cover solely the digital platform, or also the broader services aligned such as for example (i) deployment and change management supporting the take-up of remote care model by both staff and citizens (ii) clinical staff to support the remote care model as a service (integrated within wider NHS community and primary care services)?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
32	If we are already on G-Cloud, do we also need to register with Spark?	Yes you also need to apply to be on Spark
33	can you apply if products are already on G Cloud?	Yes you also need to apply to be on Spark
34	If we are on the security and IA lot, can we also be used for the Wearable Lot?	There are no Lots within the DPS, you will only appear on searches for the filters you select as part of your application.
35	Is there a platform within NHSx to allow companies engaged with Spark to collaborate and innovate?	Yes CCS have flagged that a community exists as part of the Spark DPS.
36	Do smaller and niche tech providers in AI & Automation Really have a chance given that there are well entrenched incumbents who seem to have most of the mindshare?	Yes, all suppliers are encouraged to apply.
37	Under the new EU Medical device directive which was due to come into force on 26th all technologies use for remote monitoring are required to be registered as a medical device.	Suppliers would need to register with the MHRA
38	As the MHRA hasn't agreed to the extension of EU Medical Device directive, shall we assume all suppliers will have a requirement to be registered as a medical device with the MHRA?	Suppliers would need to register with the MHRA
39	If we are already an approved DPS supplier, so we need to make a separate application to SPARK?	It depends on which DPS - CCS runs a number of them. Suppliers already on Spark should review their filters and may need to reapply to update these. If you are on a DPS that isn't Spark you will need to reapply. If the DPS you are on is another CCS one then you will be able to reuse the first part of your application and only need to answer the questions specific to Spark.
40	What is the breadth of the procurement exercise, will it be a organisational, regional or national fulfilment required? And what are the main delivery/prescribing points for remote monitoring tech, secondary/primary/community?	NHSX are supporting the development of a framework that each region or system may choose to utilise in different ways.

41	Could you explain from the NHS purchaser's side how this works (can they decide on a supplier themselves or do they need a competitive process?)	Customers wanting to access the services will need to complete a tender process. This can be directly themselves or CCS maybe able to assist them in running the tender on their behalf.
42	Can you clarify what you mean by innovative? it seem you only take products there are already in market place as opposed to working with younger companies that are not yet at this stage	We are looking for innovative approaches regardless of company size or age. However there needs to be an actual swiftly deployable product, rather than a concept
43	what is the deadline for submissions please?	The deadline for submissions to Spark is 29 May 2020.
44	How mature do "radical innovations" need to be in terms of clinical evidence?	They need to have the ability to deliver at pace and scale.
45	What is being done to encourage buyers to look for suitable products on Spark - i.e. how will NHS folks be guided and encouraged to seek solutions via Spark?	CCS holds regular customer webinars and briefings on Spark to encourage use of it. We are looking at setting up some specific customer briefings in early June.
46	The Customer Needs are not specific for remote monitoring, is that correct?	The customer needs are high level as systems will need to understand what offer may meet their specific needs. Although the core principles were outlined in the presentation.
47	Can the customer support letter be from a non-UK customer ?	Yes
48	How many suppliers have already been accepted and can we please get a view of the type of solutions that have been selected and rolled out?	There are a range of providers currently providing remote monitoring services to the NHS. There is no central register so we would not be able to provide a list.
49	do you have to be appointed into the DPS to be able to respond to the BID pack?	Yes
50	Is there a set tariff being set centrally for DPS solutions or indications of cost envelopes?	There is no national tariff for the work currently. The solutions will be locally procured so cost envelopes will vary.
51	Please can you provide more information about the 1% management fee and monthly MI required as part of contractual obligations when you register Thank you.	Suppliers appointed to the DPS have to provide monthly reports of any business they receive as a result of being on Spark, where this is none this a click of a link an email. The MI template is available in the bid pack. A 1% management fee is payable on all invoiced spend. Full details around how this managed are in the document "DPS Agreement - V2 watermarked" in the bid pack, paragraph 20.
52	which CPV codes would the Remote monitoring fall under?	Software package and information systems - 48000000

53	PoC etc how then do we cover the contract statement?	Spark is for proven technological innovation and it does require a product that i've demonstrated to work in order for an application to be successful.
54	Cnn it be an enabling technology (platform) or must it be an end to end solution	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
55	In health. Are there any critical therapy areas?	The critical areas were outlined in the presentation. Those being platforms that support Covid-19 patients.
56	Must you be a UK company?	Non UK companies can apply
57	Does it need to be a UK customer?	We are seeking suppliers to support patients in England.
58	Is DAQ required for all innovations as it is designed around patient facing smartphone applications. Many innovations may not use this as their primary method to interface with patients. Therefore in this instance will DAQ not be required?	DAQ will be required for all eligible suppliers
59	Are non-UK companies eligible?	Non UK companies can apply
60	If this is mainly about wearables and devices to monitor patients with covid 19 - what about the communications/applications to schedule appointments, perform video triage and care and proactive follow up ? Is this part in scope or covered by something else ?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
61	How are buyers expecting to fund these contracts? Is there new funding? Or does it come out of existing budgets?	Which budget a system or provider chooses to use for this work will vary from system to system so we cannot specify. To confirm there is not new national funding for this procurement.
62	Is there a requirement to comply with MDD? What about MDR status now deadline extended to May 2021	All requirements will need to be met as specified within the tender documentation.
63	where can we see specific data security policy ?	This is part of the DAQ and can be found <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-apps-library/guidance-for-health-app-developers-commissioners-and-assessors/how-we-assess-health-apps-and-digital-tools">https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-apps-library/guidance-for-health-app-developers-commissioners-and-assessors/how-we-assess-health-apps-and-digital-tools</a>
64	Where is the Data Security Policy available?	This is part of the DAQ and can be found <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-apps-library/guidance-for-health-app-developers-commissioners-and-assessors/how-we-assess-health-apps-and-digital-tools">https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-apps-library/guidance-for-health-app-developers-commissioners-and-assessors/how-we-assess-health-apps-and-digital-tools</a>
65	Can a non UK company partnering with a UK company apply?	A non-uk company can apply and variety of supply models are allowed, including consortium bidding.
66	When will we get the SOR ?	The SOR will be available when tender documentation is released.

67	Is there no plan to attain synergy and standardisation	We are looking to develop a buoyant market where suppliers are able to meet any prescribed standards, for example use of NHS Number, SNOMED CT and interoperability yet still maintaining their own identity.
68	How can we know what variation / how to position a product correctly without seeing a SOR?	At present we giving warning that activity will be taking place under Spark shortly and that suppliers with relevant capabilities should apply to Spark. In order to get onto Spark an exact match the NHSX requirement is not needed.
69	Can a non UK company partnering with a uK company apply. Each company offers a part of the solution	A non-uk company can apply and variety of supply models are allowed, including consortium bidding.
70	Is Spark the same as the OJEU framework that NHSx has been talking about lately, or are the two things distinct	Spark is a CCS Dynamic Procurement System and separately NHSX is conducting a procurement using OJEU for clinical communications. These are two different procurement exercises.
71	will you be talking about the types of solutions you are looking for?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
72	You mentioned modern slavery assessment - is completion a requirement as a lot of this is not relevant to digital/SME/start up	This was only mentioned as an example of why a company may have used the platform that hosts the DPS previously. The Modern Slavery Assessment isn't a requirement to get onto Spark.
73	Is Social Care specifically included in the scope?	Social Care is not excluded from the scope of this but it is more likely that this will be used by NHS bodies
74	I saved a fully completed questionnaire that has now disappeared yet I have the option to reuse it to start a new questionnaire response! Where in the platform do I view these questionnaires that have disappear	Please contact <a href="mailto:info@crowncommerical.gov.uk">info@crowncommerical.gov.uk</a> and we will try to locate your application within the DPS system and advise accordingly.
75	We don't have cyber essentials, but could get it but not within the timeline for bidding. can we apply and commit to do it? We're already ISO27001, GPSoC, etc approved.	Suppliers will need to commit to getting Cyber Essentials and any call-off contracts will not be able to be concluded until this is in place. Suppliers can complete the application and appear in searches and take part in further competitions but no contracts can be awarded.
76	Is Cyber Essentials required if company is ISO 27001 certified (this encompasses Cyber Essentials)	Suppliers will need to commit to getting Cyber Essentials and any call-off contracts will not be able to be concluded until this is in place. Suppliers can complete the application and appear in searches and take part in further competitions but no contracts can be awarded.
77	likewise, is it an end to end solution, or enabling tech / platforms?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables

78	still don't understand whether this about wearable and devices or a software platform ...	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables
79	will specific requirements for each solution be put on Spark?	Each customer will need to complete a tender through Spark.
80	Rob: What do you need from previous contracts, the cumulative value or current annual contract? Also, what type of letter do you need from the customer? On your site I saw that you need to give three contracts. Is that correct?	There is a template within the bid pack for the customer reference, please use this.  There are no requirements around the value of the contract.
81	Is this going to make proof of concepts harder to accomplish? As we expand our tech for additional conditions, are we going to find it much harder to find partner healthcare systems?	The intention is not to make it harder for concepts harder to accomplish. What it will do is provide a marketplace for them to participate in and a framework for them to provide services.
82	How do we get in touch with NHS X and suggest our proposals?	All offers are to go through the Spark DPS.
83	I believe the contract is 163 pages ... and questions go above 147... is that right ?	There is a standard questionnaire which needs to be completed for all public sector tenders, unless conducted under a framework agreement or DPS and this forms the vast majority of that document, there are around 25 specific questions for the Spark DPS and these are mostly around the filters that need to apply.
84	What EHR integration requirements is expected?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables. Localities may seek additional deployment support but that would be separate to this process.
85	We are an IOT network provider our network is used by device manufacturers but we do not supply the devices ourselves but we would like to work with you to show the capabilities of the network would we be able to do this via spark?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables or networks.
86	We are on an NHS england DPS framework, can we transfer across from SPARK ?	These are separate systems and a separate application is required to join Spark.
87	Questions for Tara Donnelly: Is the solution intended for specific condition verticals or condition pathways?	We are seeking solutions that can be used to manage patients remotely with COVID-19 symptoms and wider condition management.
88	can a start up apply to get the cyber essentials certification during the process or do we need to have it prior to application	Suppliers will need to commit to getting Cyber Essentials and any call-off contracts will not be able to be concluded until this is in place. Suppliers can complete the application and appear in searches and take part in further competitions but no contracts can be awarded.

89	Tara mentions about platforms and portals not wearables. In this case is it intending that the client will upload/input data manually rather than automatically monitoring heart rate/rep rate etc?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables. We are looking for functionality that enables data to be entered manually and automatically. Apps that enable vital sign monitoring without any further equipment will be considered.
90	can you provide any expected volume for us to model what pricing would be appropriate	More details on this will be available in the full requirement when released.
91	Will suppliers need to provide both remote monitoring and outpatient bookings solutions to obtain a place on the framework? Or are these independent of each other?	These could be combined into one product or be independent.
92	still remains unclear are you looking for single supplier end to end solutions? components you can buy to create a solution, or consortiums of suppliers to provide E2E solution?	All of the suggested are potentially viable solutions for this request.
93	How do the filters actually work? Does selecting more filters narrow down the supplier list or widen it?	The more filters an end user selects the narrower the return as only those that meet all of the selected fields are returned. You should match the filters to your capabilities and possible use cases.
94	Will the SOR cover care homes and if so is NHSX providing funding for care homes	We are looking for platforms that can be used in a range of settings across the NHS and social care. How systems and localities choose to use that will be a matter for local discretion.
95	Does the 'contract example' have to be commercial / paid for? We have completed a clinical trial with multiple NHS Trusts and achieved CE marking but do not yet have a paid contract. Would one of our trial contracts be acceptable?	The example should show that the relevant technology works and could include free of charge examples as well as paid examples.
96	Filters - follow on - is it better to be under more filters than less or does this make it hard for buyers to find us	You should match the filters to your capabilities and possible use cases.
97	Are local authorities buyers from the SPARK DPS?	Local authorities are eligible buyers to Spark.
98	Can a US company apply or does it have to be a UK one?	There is no specific requirement to be an UK company.
99	Does this cover care homes? I'm not clear on this?	We are looking for platforms that can be used in a range of settings across the NHS and social care. How systems and localities choose to use that will be a matter for local discretion.
100	Who pays the 1% management fee mentioned - the buyer or supplier?	It is invoiced to the supplier and based on invoiced spend within the DPS.

101	when will the tender be published?	All the dates are included within the published presentation. We are working on issuing further requirements on the 8th June. As indicated these are all indicative timescales at this stage.
102	Please clarify - does this extend to Social care??	We are looking for platforms that can be used in a range of settings across the NHS and social care. How systems and localities choose to use that will be a matter for local discretion.
103	Deadline from the email says 29 May - is that for submission or DPS being out?	That is for submission of applications to the Spark DPS in readiness for the next stage.
104	A friendly suggestion for the next time CCS or NHSX runs a webinar ... Slido (sli.do) is a great way of managing questions and answers, with participants able to up-vote and down-vote questions, track what's already been asked etc.	Noted and thanks
105	Tara says this is not about wearables, and Lisa is mentioning devices. Please can you clarification whether you are looking at putting connected devices into the community?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables for this requirement
106	Could you please confirm what u do if you are already on SPARK	All suppliers are requested that when they register they have the right filters, <b>health monitoring and IoT Applications</b> . If your filters are OK then no further action is needed.  If the filters need editing please <b>email info@crowcommercial.gov.uk</b> asking to be put back into the 'assessing' stage in the DPS and you can amend your responses to the questions.
107	Is the SOR part of the tender process, so won't be released till the start of the tender?	The first stage is registering on Spark. The next stage is a tender which will detail more specific requirements.
108	and if they want devices, apps, etc. a single supplier E2E solution seems unlikely.	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables for this requirement
109	Tara confirmed that NHSx has no funding, therefore one concludes that care homes are excluded from this initiative, which seems bizarre in the current climate.	We are looking for platforms that can be used in a range of settings across the NHS and social care. How systems and localities choose to use that will be a matter for local discretion.

110	I work for an outsource embedded software company which currently works on medical devices and intergration with systems such as EMIS. We don't currently develop our own products. My question is are you going to have a supplier list available to applications who might need the additional skills?	The focus is on platforms / portals rather than devices or wearables for this requirement
111	what would be the requirements for integration into electronic health records	Interoperability Toolkit (ITK) core standards must be met.
112	Does one have to be appointed supplier status to transact on their solution with a NHS hospital or trust?	For this process you need to be appointed to Spark
<b>The following questions were submitted following the webinar</b>		
112	CCS esourcing tool. The SPARK DPS guidance indicates that suppliers must also register for this, but during today' s webinar the impression was given that this is not necessary. If it IS necessary, please could you clarify the deadline i.e. does this also have to be done by May 29th (the SPARK DPS registration deadline) or can this be done later?	Applications need be completed on Spark to ensure your application will be processed in time for the release of NHSX competition. We have indicated the 29th of May as being the deadline in readiness for us issuing the next stage in early June. The esourcing tool is a guide for suppliers undertaking the CCS process.
113	Cyber Essentials. We do not yet have Cyber Essentials, but coincidentally had already started the process at the request of a recent new NHS customer. We are ready to submit the SQ part of the SPARK DPS. In the SQ part the Cyber Essentials questions are yes/no. We had understood that the later DPSQ questions include the option to commit to having Cyber Essentials before a future contract date. On the webinar it sounded as though Cyber Essentials was mandatory for suppliers to take part. Our understanding is that Cyber Essentials is NOT needed by the SPARK DPS registration deadline (29th May) but of course IS needed by the date of any call-off/contract – please can you confirm/clarify? Basically, we don't want to answer NO in the SQ and be disqualified.	Suppliers will need to commit to getting Cyber Essentials and any call-off contracts will not be able to be concluded until this is in place. Suppliers can complete the application and appear in searches and take part in further competitions but no contracts can be awarded.
114	Wet signatures on “Attachment 8 - Letter of Confirmation of Works (Contract Example) v1”. Again, this was mentioned in the webinar but it was clear whether Rob was indicating that, in the current (lockdown) climate, this rule would be relaxed, or if he was saying it remains mandatory.	Under the current circumstances a wet signature is not required.

115	What will the contractual arrangements be for those that are successful in responding the the tender released in June? (Apologies, but we are unclear as to purpose given that CCGs and NHS bodies will be commissioning services locally).	NHSX are undertaking the first stage to create the short-list of suppliers that meets their core central requirements that the CCGs etc will then use for tenders that meet their local needs. NHSX will not actually be entering to a contract.
116	Could commissioners advise of the anticipated value of the tender that will be procured via NHSx?	There is no new national funding dedicated to this tender.
117	Can the Attachment 8 Contract Example be from the main subcontractor?	No the contract example cannot be from a subcontractor on this occasion
118	Are electronic signatures suitable for Attachment 8 or must they be wet?	Electronic Signatures are acceptable
119	Please could commissioners confirm the contract end date? The Remote Patient Monitoring Contract End Date is listed as 30th Dec 2020 on the contract notice, whereas the SPARK DPS end date appears to be different.	The end dates of any related call-offs and the underlying DPS (Spark) will be different.  Customers may enter into call-off arrangements of upto 5 years under the Spark DPS but it will be for each individual buying organisation to determine what this should be.
120	How long will approval take following the submission of the SQ?	According to our indicative timescale, following the supplier submission deadline the evaluation process is expected to take 5 working days ahead of organisations being notified of acceptance onto the Spark DPS shortlist. An indicative timeline is outlined on slide 7 of the NHSX supplier briefing webinar presentation.
121	I am preparing an application to get us onto Spark DPS, and have nearly completed everything. I do however seek clarity on the of the following question please, which is required to be answered within our Appendix 7, which asks: "How the customer was given the appropriate rights to any relevant pre-existing intellectual property, how they have been protected from future exploitation (and these need to be explained)." With respect to the part underlined/bolded – are you asking how we (as the supplier) have protected our IP to help us commercialise it? Or are you asking how the customer (commissioner of our service) has been protected from future exploitation? If this option, please can you explain more clearly what you mean by this statement, and what you are looking to understand in this instance?	Suppliers should be able to incorporate any developed IP (background IP) into their product set going forward but shouldn't exploit other public sector customers by asking them to pay again for IP already funded from within the public sector.

122	<p>I'm writing with regards to the Cyber Essentials certification, which is required for the SPARK DPS application. We outsource our software development, and the organisation who carries this out has the Cyber Essentials Plus certification. In the past, we have had the go ahead to utilise this certification when applying for opportunities.</p> <p>Can you confirm that this will suffice for the SPARK application?</p>	<p>The entity applying to the DPS will need commit to gaining Cyber Essentials certification.</p>
123	<p>1. The framework's estimated value was £20m (excluding VAT) in the first year, how much was actually procured in 19/20?</p> <p>2. Given that the market engagement is now sold out, is there any chance a further session could be planned asap? Or could the session be recorded and shared immediately following the event please?</p> <p>3. Please could commissioners confirm the contract end date? The Remote Patient Monitoring Contract End Date is listed as 30th Dec 2020 on the contract notice, whereas the SPARK DPS end date appears to be different</p> <p>4. How long will approval take following the submission of the SQ?</p> <p>5. Please can we have copies of the DPSQ questions</p>	<p>1. The spend data for the CCS framework is not yet available</p> <p>2. The recording of the webinar was unable to be shared due to technical issues but the slides are available at <a href="https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6094">https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6094</a> under the Documents section</p> <p>3. The contract end date (s) will be confirmed in procurement stage. The dates on the Contracts Finder were purely indicative at the date of publication.</p> <p>4. Approval will take approximately 10-15 days.</p> <p>5. DPSQ questions available here: <a href="https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#technology">https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#technology</a></p>
124	<p>As part of the response we understand that we need to first register as a supplier on CCS and specifically the SPARK Framework</p> <p>Can you confirm what questionnaire we need to complete to register as a supplier as it is not particularly clear from the information provided. We have reviewed the standard selection questionnaire which we think is the right one, but would like to confirm..'</p>	<p>Yes, you first need to register as a CCS supplier before registering on SPARK. You can register as a supplier on Supplier Registration Service for Government at the following link <a href="https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/">https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/</a></p>

	<p>We want to apply for the NHS Digital Remote Patient Monitoring, via SPARK. We watched the webinar last week on how to do this and acquired Cyber essentials then applied for an account on the DPS. We are told that this might take 5 days to be assessed. Is there a way we can still apply while we are waiting for DPS to be approved?'</p> <p>125 We have registered to attend the Webinar for the Remote Patient Monitoring opportunity. As we have worked through the documentation for the opportunity we have noticed a reference to a Statement of Requirements (SOR). Unfortunately, we are having great difficulty finding this document.</p> <p>I have found Attachment 1 - Spark The Technology Innovation Marketplace - Products and Services Matrix v1 which is very high level. I would expect the SOR to be a more detailed specification document. Can you tell us where we may find this please?'</p> <p>126 I am preparing an application to get us onto Spark DPS, and have nearly completed everything. I do however seek clarity on the of the following question please, which is required to be answered within our Appendix 7, which asks: How the customer was given the appropriate rights to any relevant pre-existing intellectual property, how they have been protected from future exploitation (and these need to be explained). With respect to the part underlined/bolded - are you asking how we (as the supplier) have protected our IP to help us commercialise it? Or are you asking how the customer (commissioner of our service) has been protected from future exploitation? If this option, please can you explain more clearly what you mean by this statement, and what you are looking to understand in this instance?'</p> <p>127</p>	<p>Suppliers will need to commit to getting Cyber Essentials and any call-off contracts will not be able to be concluded until this is in place. Suppliers can complete the application and appear in searches and take part in further competitions but no contracts can be awarded.</p> <p>The SOR will be available when tender documentation is released.</p> <p>The Supplier shall retain any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Supplier Background IPR;</li> <li>(ii) the Third Party IPR; and</li> <li>(iii) the Project Specific IPR.</li> </ul> <p>The Customer shall retain any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Customer Background IPR; and</li> <li>(ii) Customer Data.</li> </ul>
128	Under what circumstances would ESCROW apply?	All companies must set up Escrow. The Escrow companies would control the circumstances of release
129	Who has the rights of the data controller?	The customer would remain data controller