



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. Will the contracts still be released as one framework called HSR?**

The Workforce Alliance is seeking to procure a portfolio of framework agreements focusing on healthcare that serve central government, NHS and other public sector organisations. Together these agreements will deliver the services proposed by CCS under the HSR framework. The tendering opportunities for international recruitment, flexible resource pools and non-clinical staff have ended.

**2. How are you intending to manage suppliers under collaboration frameworks?**

Suppliers will continue to be managed against framework requirements; this will be undertaken as part of a blended Workforce Alliance team.

**3. Will future tender opportunities be published by both collaboration members?**

Opportunity notifications will be available on Workforce Alliance member websites.

**4. Who do customers and suppliers contact about existing and future frameworks?**

Existing customers and suppliers should continue to contact their framework owner with enquiries on existing frameworks. Contact details will be provided for suppliers for each procurement.

**5. Who do I contact if I require more information?**

If you are not an existing customer or supplier (as stated above) and would like further information about the partnership, please contact [info@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:info@crowncommercial.gov.uk).

**6. What will the impact be on existing frameworks that do not fall within the collaboration?**

There will be no change in the management of these frameworks.

**7. When will the clinical agency agreement be released?**

The schedule for upcoming procurements will be published in due course.

**8. What are the timeframes for the new frameworks?**

We are able to confirm that the replacement for RM1072 Workforce Management (Flexible Resource Pool - Staff Banks RM6158) will be released July 2019 and will be followed by the replacement for RM971 NMNC (Non Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff, RM6160) also due to be released July 2019. We are in the process of finalising timeframes for the replacement clinical agreement, information will be released in the near future confirming the timelines.

<sup>1</sup> NHS Procurement in Partnership is a four-Hub collaboration between NHS Commercial Solutions, East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub, NHS North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative and NHS London Procurement Partnership, previously known as NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership (CPP).