Webinar: The NHS Test & Trace Service: Progress & Procurement update from Pillar 3

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Opening

Lord Bethell of Romford
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Innovation
Department of Health & Social Care
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| 14:25 – 14:40 | Update on Antibody and RNA Testing | Alex Cooper – National Testing Programme Pillars 2 & 3 SRO, Department of Health & Social Care  
Q&A  
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Nick Whitehead – Lead Category Manager, Public Health England  
Natalie Pollybank – Procurement Business Partner, Department of Health & Social Care  
Q&A |
| 14:55 – 15:00 | Crowdicity Update                   | Doris-Ann Williams – Chief Executive, BIVDA                               |
| 15:00 – 15:10 | Close                                | Doris-Ann Williams – Chief Executive, BIVDA                               |
Background

- Public Health England (PHE) has been given a mandate by Cabinet Office to lead on a new National Microbiology framework, in collaboration with DHSC and Cabinet Office.

- **Structure: 4 Lots**
  - Lot 1 Diagnostics (CE Marked)
  - Lot 2 Research and Development
  - Lot 3 Manufacturing
  - Lot 4 Laboratory Testing Capacity
Framework Outline

• A tool to supplement other frameworks and provide commercial opportunities in areas not currently covered by agreements.

• Access of this agreement to include **central government**, **public sector bodies**, **local authorities**, **academia** and the **NHS and PH Wales, PH Scotland and PHNI**.

• Suppliers required to permit life science, off-label work and diagnostic use on platforms to meet Participating Authority requirements.

• Compliant route to market for diagnostics products and services.

• Experience from pandemics so far will be used to help shape the framework.
Current Status

• PIN published 03/06/2020 in TED.

• A PQQ is currently running and closes 20/07/2020. The purpose of the PQQ is to understand interest in the market and to have a pool of suppliers to take part in market engagement. Suppliers are not prohibited from bidding if they do not register.

• Market engagement to begin imminently.

• The scope will be finalised with help from suppliers acting as market representatives.
Public Services (Social value) Act 2012

- It requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits.
- The Act is a tool to help commissioners get more value for money out of procurement.
- It also encourages commissioners to talk to their local provider market or community to design better services, often finding new and innovative solutions to difficult problems.

Social value within PHE

- Pathways to Work programmes and employment schemes:
  - Movement to work
  - Project search
  - Ambitious about autism

- 11 individuals have been offered employment through the movement to work scheme.

- PHE Sustainability group with local sustainability champions.
In Scope Products

- **Calibration** - Calibration services; reference samples for calibration

- **Diagnostics kits** - Any (molecular and non-molecular based) microbiological and serological diagnostic test kits including: Laboratory, point-of-care, home testing kits, lateral flow assays

- **Diagnostic platforms** - Electrophoresis equipment, mass spectrometers (Lot 2), MALDI-ToF, microplate readers and associated equipment, PCR platforms, Sanger sequencing, sequencers, spectrophotometers UV and visible, thermal cyclers point of care testing

- **Equipment servicing** - All servicing packages offered

- **Freeze dryers** - CHRIST, Lyoflex 08

- **Laboratory automation** - Antimicrobial testing systems, blood culture systems, extraction platforms, identification systems, inoculators, liquid handlers, PCR robotics, random or continuous-access immunoassay processors, urinalysis systems etc.
In Scope Products Continued

- **Laboratory consumables** - Biological products, cell culture (not media), liquid handlers specialised consumables, swabs, nucleic acid preparation kits, specialist consumables, sample transport containers, lancets, saliva collection containers, specialised consumables directly associated with automated systems

- **Identification/manual testing kits** - Any molecular and non-molecular based identification system

- **Manual antimicrobial susceptibility testing** - Antimicrobial discs, M.I.C evaluator strips

- **Consumables for use during the analytical phase of laboratory testing** - 96 well plates, secondary specimen containers

This is not an exhaustive list and is subject to change following market engagement.
Lot 3 and 4 Scope

Lot 3 – Manufacturing

• To manufacture diagnostic or therapeutic products for the purpose of research, experimentation, study, development or to establish commercial viability or to recover research and development costs.

Lot 4 – Laboratory Testing Capacity

• The provision of high-throughput (> 10,000 tests per day) diagnostic laboratory-based testing of collected samples for pathogens.

Feedback and insight from suppliers is greatly appreciated for these two lots.
Links


- **Link to PHE Bravo Portal**: https://phe.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

**Instructions to register interest to market engagement:**

Once registered on Bravo, click **current opportunities** on the homepage. There you will see **PHE_Scientific – National Microbiology Framework** which will lead you to **PQQ_191 – Supplier Engagement for National Microbiology Framework**.
Crowdicity Update

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