

To: Health Board Chief Executives
Health Board Directors of Finance
Health Board eHealth Leads
Health Board GP IT Facilitators
General Practitioners
Practice Managers
Primary Care Leads
Local Medical Committees (LMCs)
Health and Social Care Chief Officers

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Dear Colleague

Outcome of the GP IT as a Managed Service Framework Contract Procurement

This letter confirms the outcome of the recent GP IT as a Managed Service procurement for the future provision of core GP clinical systems to NHSScotland.

Following a robust and rigorous procurement, managed by NHS National Services Scotland and overseen by the national GP IT Re-Provisioning Project Board, **EMIS Health** (Egton Medical Information Systems Limited), **Microtest Ltd** and **Vision Health** (In Practice Systems Ltd) have all been appointed to the Framework.

The successful tenders demonstrated a strong commitment and ability to meet core GP IT clinical and technical requirements and the wider Primary Care agenda, as well as further integration with NHSScotland's wider digital infrastructure and strategic requirements.

The new GP IT as a Managed Service Framework Agreement is effective for 60 months from Contract Signature. One contract will be called off by NSS, on behalf of NHSScotland GP Practices, for each supplier selected from the Framework. These Call Off Contracts will then be valid for seven years, with options to extend up to a maximum of 10 years. The overall estimated contract value is £9.4m per annum (approximately £65m over seven years).

All three Suppliers now have 12 months to develop their systems to meet the first tranche of Scottish requirements. Each system must be successfully tested and accredited by NHSScotland before being eligible to take part in mini competitions and be awarded a call off contract for the supply of services to GP Practices in Scotland.

A GP IT Implementation Project Team is now being established, in conjunction with the Territorial Boards, to help Boards and GP Practices to prepare for the selection of, and transition to, the new GP IT systems and processes. It is estimated that the earliest date at which a new GP IT system will go live in a GP Practice will be June 2020 and systems will be rolled out over a 30 month period.

GP practices can be assured that, until they migrate, their existing systems and services will continue to be supported by their current suppliers under the existing contract arrangements.

FAQs will be published and regularly updated at <http://www.gpit.scot.nhs.uk/faqs/>

If you have any further queries please e-mail NSS.GPITRe-provisioning-Scotland@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely

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