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**NEWS RELEASE:**

**NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership working to deliver best practice in NHS procurement**

Following the success of the first three collaborative frameworks created for the NHS (Total Orthopaedic Solutions, Total Cardiology Solutions, and the National Clinical Staffing framework) the NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership (NHS CPP) is due to launch four more frameworks in 2017.

NHS CPP is the culmination of the collaborative working of four NHS procurement organisations: NHS Commercial Solutions (NHS CS), East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (EOE CPH), NHS North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative (NOE CPC) and NHS London Procurement Partnership (LPP). By joining forces NHS CPP represents approximately 60% of NHS trusts and influences between £6.0 billion and £7.5 billion of NHS non-pay spend.

The NHS spends over £20 billion every year on goods and services, which typically accounts for around 30% of the operating costs of each hospital. Lord Carter's 2015 review of NHS productivity and unwarranted variation in NHS hospitals suggested that there is around £1bn in procurement savings to be made. The strategic vision in Lord Carter's report emphasised the importance of collaboration to share information, resource and expertise in order to modernise NHS procurement.

NHS CPP is testament to Lord Carter's vision with its three successful frameworks: the award-winning Total Orthopaedic Solutions framework which has saved over £18m for trusts since its launch; the highly commended Total Cardiology Solutions which has revolutionised the marketplace for a full range of cardiology products; and, most recently, the National Clinical Staffing framework covering Nursing, Medical Locums, Dental and AHP/HSS – an NHS Improvement-accredited national framework.

Joint collaboration enables NHS CPP to deploy the collective expertise of each organisation, facilitate aggregation, avoid unnecessary duplication and influence the market to change the procurement landscape to best effect for the NHS. Utilising its combined skills, specialisms and experience, the partnership works closely with NHS and clinical stakeholders to understand each of their needs and expectations, tailoring the approach and developing bespoke solutions to ensure all stakeholders benefit from collaboration, ensuring quality, cost and value.

NHS CPP anticipates echoing its past successes with four new projects: the newly launched e-Catalogue and e-Requisitioning Solution – already twice shortlisted for the 2017/18 GO Awards; the imminent Clinical Consumables framework; the Theatre Surgery Consumables framework; and the Complete Ophthalmology Solutions framework, both of which are due to launch in March 2017.

NHS CPP is the result of four NHS organisations adapting and innovating ways of working in order to better meet the needs of the NHS. Harnessing our buying power and expertise will ultimately result in better distribution of resources, greater sharing of skills and experience, and increased transparency within the supply chain of products to the NHS. It will promote better customer behaviour by the NHS, improve short-term targets in cost reduction, bring long-term efficiency improvements, and ultimately contribute to better patient care and outcomes. NHS CPP is proud to be raising the bar for best practice in NHS procurement.

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**Notes:**

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