

The NHS, Public Procurement and Use of Frameworks



Frameworks - what are they and why are they required?:

Under the <u>Procurement Act 2023 (as amended)</u>, NHS Trusts are required to follow strict guidelines for public procurement to ensure **fairness**, **transparency**, and **value for money**. Frameworks are a key tool in meeting these requirements. A framework is a pre-negotiated contract that allows trusts to purchase goods or services from approved suppliers without going through a full tender process each time.

This helps trusts to;

- 🗸 Save time.
- Reduce administrative burden.
- Provide access to competitive prices.
- Ensure access to high-quality products and services.

Using frameworks ensures **legal compliance** with the <u>Procurement Act 2023 (as amended)</u>, which mandates that all public sector procurement must be fair and transparent. They also help NHS Trusts to avoid working with unvetted suppliers, reducing the risk of poor service delivery or non-compliance with agreed standards.

Without frameworks, trusts risk failing to meet these legal requirements, which could lead to;

Legal challenges.
 Higher costs.
 Procurement delays.

Frameworks are essential for NHS Trusts to manage procurement efficiently, stay within legal guidelines and protect public funds.

Welcome to the NEYPPC Framework Catalogue



Delivering Quality and Value in NHS Pharmaceutical Procurement

Across our Homecare, Licensed and Unlicensed Categories our team specialise in managing contracts to ensure seamless operations and value for money. We conduct regular service review meetings with our suppliers to discuss their performance, address any issues and ensure compliance with our framework specifications.

Through diligent monitoring of supplier performance we aim to ensure that our awarded suppliers meet the agreed-upon standards and deliver exceptional service consistently.

Active NEYPPC Frameworks

Homecare Medicines Services

- Low & Mid Tech Homecare Medicines Services
- Lot 1 Compounded IV Antimicrobial Homecare Medicines Services
- Lot A Compounded Desferrioxamine Homecare Medicines Services

Licensed Medicines

- Licensed Provision of Pharmaceutical Wholesale Services to the North of England
- Licensed Parenteral Nutrition Products & Associated Ancillaries

Unlicensed Medicines

- Unlicensed Aseptic Compounded Specials
- Unlicensed Parenteral Nutrition
- Imported Medicines Services and Products

Expressions of Interest:

We recognise that as services within NHS Trusts develop, so too do the needs for new frameworks. Please email us at leedsth-

tr.neyregionalcontracting@nhs.net to discuss any requirements that sit out of scope to an existing framework.



What's new this edition?

• As this is the First Edition there are no changes.

All information is correct at the time of publishing



Homecare Services



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: C245299

Start Date: Mar 1, 2024

Agreed to: Feb 28, 2026

Low & Mid Tech Homecare Medicines Services					
Framework Description	 This framework comprises of 5 lots: Lot 1 - Short Turn Around Services (i.e. growth hormone therapies) Lot 2 - Standard Turn Around Services Lot 3 - Controlled Collection (i.e. pharmacy collection) Lot 4 - Clinical Services (i.e. nurse training, phlebotomy) Lot 5 - Immunoglobulin Services (including ancillary pricing) 				
Medicines within Scope	 Any medicines that meet the following criteria for low/mid tech services, and are accessed as an <u>NHS_funded_service</u> are within scope. Side note: Pharma funded services (and their accompanying SLAs) are separate, standalone agreements and do not fall under this framework. Low Tech Medicine Services; Are licensed medicines or uncomplicated medical devices. Oral medications (excluding oral oncology). Medicinal products for external use only. Are suitable for room temperature storage (15-25C) or in the patient's own fridge (2-8C). Mid Tech Medicine Services; May be licensed or unlicensed medicines. Oral oncology medicines. May include significant clinical support such as blood monitoring/testing. Patient training/competency assessment may be required including basic aseptic technique (i.e. pre-filled pens or pre-filled syringes). 				
Awarded Suppliers To Join	SupplierLot 1Lot 2Lot 3Lot 4Lot 5AlcuraCaleaFresenius Medical CareHealthNetLloyds Pharmacy Clinical HomecarePersonal Homecare Pharmacy LTDPolar SpeedQE Facilities LimitedRegister and request access to the Low & Mid Tech Medicines Services Framework via https://www.northeastandyorkshirepharmaceuticalpurchasing.nhs.uk.Then download the corresponding Briefing Document for full framework details and instructions on joining.				



Homecare <u>Services</u>



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: DN334301-Lot 1

Start Date: Nov 19, 2018

Agreed to: Nov 18, 2025

Lot 1 - Compounded IV Antimicrobial Homecare Medicines Services

Framework Description	This framework lot encompasses intravenous antimicrobial medicines, associated ancillaries and clinical services for adult and paediatric Out-Patient Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) and Cystic Fibrosis (CF) patients. The clinical services covered include <u>nurse training visits</u> , <u>nurse administration</u> and <u>phlebotomy visits</u> . For this framework, Participating Authorities (Trusts) will be allocated a supplier by the Contracting Authority (NEYPPC). Requests to set up services under this framework, or requests to change your appointed supplier should be made to the NEYPPC contracting team.				
Medicines within Scope	The complete list of medicines (banded by dose ranges), ancillaries and service charges can be found within the commercial schedule document, which will be available to download from the NEYPPC website once you have requested access to the framework.Active pharmaceutical ingredients currently covered include;AmbisomeAmikacinAztreonamBenzylpenicillin				
	Caspofungin	Cefoxitin	Ceftazidime	Ceftazidime/Avibactam	
	Ceftriaxone	Cefuroxime	Colistimethate	Daptomycin	
	Ertapenem	Flucloxacillin	Fosfomycin	Gentamicin	
	Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Teicoplanin	Temocillin	Tigecycline	
	Tobramycin	Vancomycin			
	IV antimicrobial medicines or devices not listed within the commercial schedule may be requested to be added to the framework via change control, by contacting the NEYPPC team. As these are unlicensed medicines, Participating Authority (Trust) Quality Assurance should review and approve the products utilised within this framework for use. Regional QA reports are shared with Participating Authorities to support this process.				
Awarded Suppliers	The two awarded suppliers are; Baxter Lloyds Clinical 				
To Join	Please email the NEYPPC team in the first instance to request access to this framework.				





Homecare Services



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: DN548640 - Lot A

Start Date: May 10, 2022

Agreed to: May 9, 2026

Lot A - Compounded Desferrioxamine Homecare Medicines Services

Framework Description	This framework lot encompasses compounded Desferrioxamine medicines, associated ancillaries and clinical services for adult and paediatric patients. The clinical services covered include <u>nurse training visits</u> , <u>nurse administration</u> and <u>phlebotomy visits</u> .
Medicines within Scope	This framework covers compounded Desferrioxamine (banded by dose ranges) in either a water for injection or saline diluent. Compounded Desferrioxamine with Hydrocortisone is also included. The full list of pricing for these medicines, ancillaries and service charges can be found within the Briefing Document, which will be available to download from the NEYPPC website once you have requested access to the framework. As these are unlicensed medicines, Participating Authority (Trust) Quality Assurance should review and approve the products utilised within this framework for use. Regional QA reports are shared with Participating Authorities to support this process.
Awarded Suppliers	 The awarded suppliers are; Baxter Lloyds Clinical This framework is supported by a Decision Tool, embedded within section 7 of the Briefing Document. The Decision Tool may be used to help determine which of the two awarded suppliers will provide a Trust with the most economically advantageous service based on their needs.
To Join	Register and request access to Homecare Lot A - Compounded Desferrioxamine Homecare Medicines Services via <u>https://www.northeastandyorkshirepharmaceuticalpurchasing.nhs.uk</u> . Then download the corresponding Briefing Document for full framework details and instructions on joining.

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Licensed Medicines

Framework Summary



Framework Reference: C80491

Start Date: Nov 1, 2022

Agreed to: Oct 31, 2025

Licensed Provision of Pharmaceutical Wholesale Services to the North of England

Framework Description	The vast majority of medicines are supplied to hospitals by pharmaceutical wholesalers, who have been nominated by manufacturers to distribute their products. Products supplied via wholesalers may either be contracted products, whereby they have been awarded through various UK Public Procurement Regulations compliant tenders, or non-contracted products. This framework covers the wholesale supply of non-contracted medicines and healthcare products, which have not been through any such tendering process.
Medicines within Scope	This framework covers the supply of <u>non-contracted</u> medicines and other healthcare products, including and not limited to; standard packs of tablets and capsules, injectable products, specialised antibiotics, cytotoxic chemotherapy and controlled drugs. Non-contracted medicines and healthcare products are those which have not been formally awarded through any other tendering process.
Awarded Suppliers	 The four awarded suppliers are; AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd Alliance Healthcare UK Mawdsleys Phoenix Healthcare Individual briefing documents are available to download from the NEYPPC website for each respective supplier.
To Join	Register and request access to the Licensed Provision of Pharmaceutical Wholesale Services NOE via <u>https://www.northeastandyorkshirepharmaceuticalpurchasing.nhs.uk</u> . Then download the corresponding briefing documents (one for each wholesaler) for full framework details and instructions on joining.

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Licensed Medicines



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: C140330 / C193374

Start Date: Sep 1, 2023

Agreed to: Aug 31, 2025

Licensed Parenteral Nutrition Products & Associated Ancillaries

Framework Description	This framework encompasses all licensed parenteral nutrition products and associated ancillaries required for the aseptic preparation of parenteral nutrition by the Participating Authority (Trust) . These are products required for patients whose intestinal tract is dysfunctional (e.g. short bowel syndrome) or those who are in need of a rest period from oral nutrition (e.g. following surgery on the lower intestines).
Medicines within Scope	This framework covers licensed multi-chamber bags , micronutrients , macronutrients and associated ancillaries for use in their aseptic preparation. For the full range of products and prices please see the embedded commercial schedules for each supplier found within <u>Section 5</u> <u>- Contract Details</u> of the briefing document. Between the awarded suppliers, the product ranges for multi-chamber bags include; • Clinimix • Finomel • Kabiven • Lipoflex • Numeta • Omeflex • Smofkabiven • Triomel Related products not listed within the commercial schedule may be requested to be added to the framework via change control, by contacting the NEYPPC team.
Awarded Suppliers	 The three awarded suppliers are; Baxter Healthcare Limited B Braun Medical UK Limited Fresenius Kabi UK Limited
To Join	Register and request access to the Licensed Parenteral Nutrition Products & Associated Ancillaries framework via <u>https://www.northeastandyorkshirepharmaceuticalpurchasing.nhs.uk</u> . Then download the corresponding briefing document for full framework details and instructions on joining.

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Unlicensed Medicines



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: C80507 / C148994

Start Date: May 1, 2023

Agreed to: Apr 30, 2026

Unlicensed Aseptic Compounded Specials

Framework Description	This framework enables access to a range of aseptically prepared , batch manufactured medicines in ready-to-administer preparations . These are unlicensed medicines that have been compounded using licensed ingredients. Supplier and product quality are enshrined within a strict specification, providing a high level of assurance to Participating Authorities (Trusts) in the approved suppliers and products.			
Medicines within Scope	This framework covers a range of aseptically prepared batch manufactured medicines. For the full range of products details including product quality assessments, pricing, decision tool to aid choice of product and also supplier assessment reports, please refer to the briefing document. Between the awarded suppliers, the product ranges include; • Bevacizumab • Cefuroxime • Diamorphine • Flixabi® • Flucloxacillin • Human soluble insulin (Humulin S) • Inflectra® • Natalizumab • Potassium chloride • Remicade® • Vedolizumab Note: This framework <u>does not include</u> aseptically prepared cytotoxic medicines and monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of cancer.			
Awarded Suppliers	The eight awarded suppliers are; Baxter Healthcare Ltd B Braun Medical Ltd Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Lloyds Clinical	Newcastle Specials Pharmacy Production Unit Qualasept Ltd t/a Bath ASU Quantum Aseptic Services Sciensus Pharma Services Limited		
To Join	Please email the NEYPPC team in the first instanc	e to request access to this framework.		



Unlicensed Medicines



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: C140331

Start Date: Feb 1, 2024

Agreed to: Jan 31, 2026

Unlicensed Parenteral Nutrition								
Framework Description	This framework provides access to a range of aseptically prepared, batch manufactured parenteral nutrition products in ready-to-administer preparations. These are unlicensed medicines that have been compounded principally using licensed ingredients. Where any unlicensed materials are used in the manufacturing process, suppliers will provide a copy of their unlicensed medicines assessment on request. This is a provision for Participating Authorities to source 'custom/tailored' products to their own specification(s) from awarded suppliers that have been assessed against a set evaluation criterion and comply with the recognised regulatory standards and quality management culture							
Medicines within Scope	 This framework covers a range of aseptically prepared parenteral nutrition products broken down in to 5 Lots: Lot 1 - Multichamber Parenteral Nutrition Bags with Additions Lot 2 - Lipid Bags & Syringes Lot 3 - Batch Manufactured Trust Bespoke Parenteral Nutrition Lot 4 - Named Patient Manufactured Trust Bespoke Parenteral Nutrition Lot 5 - Paediatric & Neonatal Starter Bag (Non-Compounded Fluid Bag) Pricing is accessible via the commercial schedule within the award briefing document.							
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Unlicensed Medicines



Framework Summary

Framework Reference: DN353441

Start Date: Jan 1, 2022

Agreed to: Dec 31, 2025

	Unlicensed Imported Medicines Services and Products			
Framework Description	This framework enables access to a specified list of imported unlicensed medicines including where products require over-labelling and translation. These products do not hold a UK Marketing Authorisation and are therefore not licensed for use in the UK, but are licensed in their approved country of manufacture. <u>All awarded products and suppliers have undergone a</u> <u>comprehensive quality, risk and price assessment.</u>			
Medicines within Scope	 Over 40+ unlicensed imported medicines are currently available under this framework - the details are available via the award briefing document and individual supplier award schedules. All related supplier and product quality assessments, summary of awards and supplier schedules including the award debrief for DN353441 are available via the NEYPPC regional website. Additional awards have been made for products through the use of further competitions (Mini Competition) by NEYPPC. The mini competitions are available as a separate entry on the website and also include product and supplier assessments. Please refer to the individual supplier award schedule for product details and pricing. Mini competition 1 (MC1) Ref: C75051 - awarded to Mawdsley Brooks & Co Mini competition 2 (MC2) Ref: C114931 - awarded to Mawdsley Brooks & Co Mini competition 3 (MC3) Ref: C119801 - awarded to Target Healthcare Ltd A Summary of Awards, including terminations and currently active products on the framework, is available. However, as this information is subject to continuous change, it should be verified with the NEYPPC team for any pending updates - leedsth-tr.neyregionalcontracting@nhs.net.			
Awarded Suppliers To Join	*Alium Medical Limited Durbin PLC Clinigen Healthcare Ltd IPS Specials (Vertical Pharma) *Awarded to the framework & able to take part in r are not awarded any products. Register and request access to the ULM Imported via https://www.northeastandyorkshirepharmaceutic corresponding briefing document for full framewor all product assessments and award schedules via t requested to each of the mini competitions; MC1, N	Medicines Services & Pro calpurchasing.nhs.uk. Then or rk details and instructions. the NEYPPC website, acces	oducts framework download the In order to access	