

**NHS PASA National Framework Agreement Mini Competition**

The Northern Housing Consortium has recently conducted a mini competition under the existing National Health Service (NHS) Purchasing and Supply Agency (PASA) National Framework Agreement. As a result of this process, which was carried out under EU procurement regulations, there are now seven approved suppliers within the framework, across a number of modalities outlined below;

Supply Area Ref	Description
A	Equipment to assist in reducing accidents and incidents in the home
B	Home Activity, lifestyle and environmental monitors
C	Integrated systems for telecare and healthcare
D	Community (social) alarms
E	Blood Pressure Monitoring
F	Blood Glucose Monitoring
G	Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitors
H	Asthma Monitors
I	Home Personal Medical Assistant Unit
J	Integrated Health Monitors
K	Medication Reminder Systems
L	Installation
M	Maintenance
N	Monitoring services
O	Mobile Response services

Northern Housing Consortium's Assistant Chief Executive, Allan Kelly, explained "The focus for Consortium Procurement is always about delivering the best solution for our members. That means excellent value for money, high quality products and services, and a transparent and robust procurement process. Consortium members have been integral to the mini competition process and were involved in the assessment panel responsible for selecting partners within the NFA. We believe the mini competition process has produced a solution which offers excellent coverage and choice to Consortium members; greatly increasing the number of suppliers available to them, as well as the level of support offered in the transition from Community Alarms to Telemedicine."

The seven approved framework suppliers and the modalities they cover, are as follows:

	Modalities														
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
<b>Invicta</b>		✓		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>TBS</b>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
<b>Philips</b>			✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>RSL Steeper</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Possum SRS</b>			✓									✓			
<b>Just Checking</b>		✓													
<b>Tunstall</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

The framework will be available to Northern Housing Consortium members from early July 2007.