

HSVITS2021-076

Ventilators Industry Briefing Q&A

HealthShare Victoria was provided supply chain information during COVID-19 procurement. Does that information need to be provided again in this ITS?

Yes, we need to ensure all information is up to date therefore even if provided previously, will need to be resubmitted as part of this ITS.

Would there be an expectation that all tendered products need to be made available for complete term (7 years) of the proposed contract?

No. HSV understands equipment may not be available for duration of contract however does note the contract will include clauses that ensures any products that do become obsolete must be supported for specified period of time (ongoing service and maintenance, availability of spare parts etc.)

Can new products which have not been released so far to the market be tendered as part of this ITS?

Only currently available products need to be tendered in this ITS. The contract has provision to allow addition of new products during the term. Therefore, when products are available, subject to meeting strict criteria and health service demand, will need to go through a Contract Variation (Addition) process.

Is Neonatal category included in this IST?

Yes, neonatal ventilators are within scope of the ICU ventilator category. The subcategories will define it as neonatal.