Welcome to our second update on the progress of developing an updated Lobbying Register.

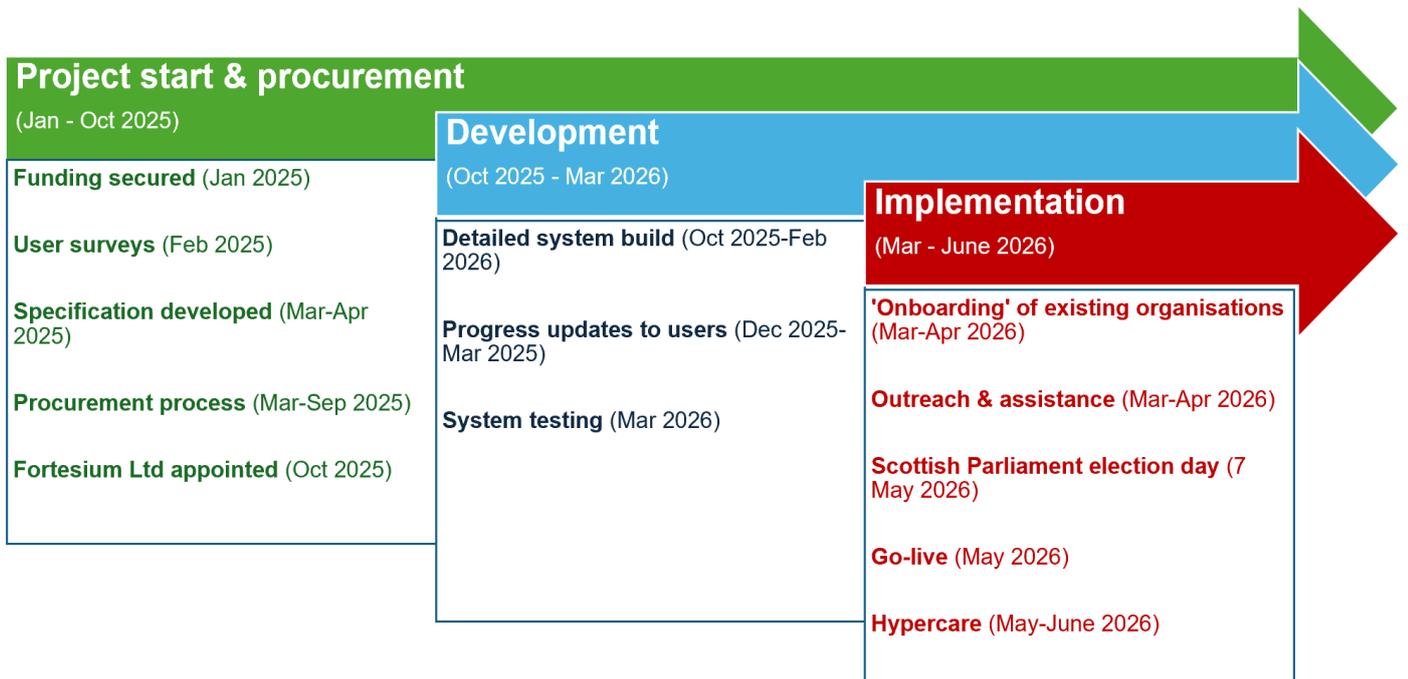## User Testing – Volunteers required

As we mentioned in our first report, we now seek expressions of interest to carry out testing exercises between Monday 23 March and Wednesday 1 April.

In these sessions we are looking for your help to test and evaluate the functionality of the updated system, so if you can assist with testing during this period, please let us know at lobbying@parliament.scot using the subject title heading: LOBBYING REGISTER TESTING - NOTE OF INTEREST.

We will contact you nearer the time with more details and to check your availability on specific times.

Timetable

As a reminder from the first progress report the timetable for the project is as follows:

Project start & procurement

(Jan - Oct 2025)

Funding secured (Jan 2025)

User surveys (Feb 2025)

Specification developed (Mar-Apr 2025)

Procurement process (Mar-Sep 2025)

Fortesium Ltd appointed (Oct 2025)

Development

(Oct 2025 - Mar 2026)

Detailed system build (Oct 2025-Feb 2026)

Progress updates to users (Dec 2025-Mar 2025)

System testing (Mar 2026)

Implementation

(Mar - June 2026)

'Onboarding' of existing organisations (Mar-Apr 2026)

Outreach & assistance (Mar-Apr 2026)

Scottish Parliament election day (7 May 2026)

Go-live (May 2026)

Hypercare (May-June 2026)

Progress

We are currently working through the build of the system and testing some of the key functional aspects such as the Registration process, submitting Information Returns, and reporting and notification requirements of the updated system.

Our next update will be issued in late March with more details on what to expect, and an overview of how our testing is helping with these developments.