

Procurement Reform Newsletter

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Procurement Reform Survey

In early 2021 we conducted a survey to gather feedback on the procurement reforms proposed in the UK GovernmentÕs <u>Transforming Public Procurement</u> Green Paper. This was part of our strategy to feed into the Green Paper consultation.

At that point only around a third of respondents had heard of the Green Paper which is the basis for the procurement reform legislation currently making its way through the House of Lords.

Now two years on weÕve had the National Procurement Policy Statement and the Procurement Bill that provide more detail, building on the initial proposals.

Through the survey weÕre trying to determine whether levels of awareness in the buyer and supplier communities have risen; and, whether:

- thereÕs support for the reduction in the number of procurement procedures;
- the increase in flexibility around the procurement procedures will allow buyers more freedom to tailor procurement processes to their needs, or will this lead to more challenges to public procurement processes;

the single digital platform will help prevent duplication of effort around supplier selection as intended;

- the changes to Dynamic Purchasing Systems and Frameworks will make them more useful, and more used; and,
- the Procurement Pipelines and further proposed transparency on the Central Digital Platform will beneficial to the public procurement marketplace.

Help us to understand what the public procurement reforms mean for you and let us know if your supply chains are ready for the changes.

Our survey will take just a few minutes to complete and as a participant you will receive an exclusive first look at the findings once they're published in the New Year.

To take part in the survey please click here: https://iserve.ingenium-ids.org/sa/q9lciml178/0

Procurement Reform Conferences

To engage with expert stakeholders and to join us on this journey, please come along to our March 2023 Procurement Reform Conferences that we Ore delivering in partnership with the Cabinet Office.

Our fantastic line up of <u>speakers</u>, includes Lindsay Maguire, Head of Engagement for Procurement Reform in the Cabinet Office, who will be delivering up to date information and insight into the progress of procurement reform. Lindsay will be joined by other notable stakeholders and commentators such as Lucy Sydney (Head of Strategic Relationships, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office) and Joshua Pritchard (Deputy Director, CBI).

Please click here to view the <u>agenda</u> or to <u>book</u> your place.







Procurement Reform and the NHS

During a recent debate on the <u>Procurement Bill (House of Lords D 28/11/22)</u> there were some concerns raised as to the scope of coverage that applies to the application of the Procurement Bill in respect of the NHS.

Concerns where expressed about the fact that procurement and compliance in the NHS is, apparently, being treated differently than in the rest of the public sector and that the Health and Care Act 2022 does not offer clarity on the issue.

Procurement Reform Resources

Other than this fortnightly **Newsletter** weÕre publishing a range of **Briefings and Blogs**, covering topics such as ÔOpen FrameworksÕ, ÔChanges to the Challenge ProcessÕ, etc. Please use this link to view these free <u>resources</u>.

Procurement Reform Consultancy Packages

We also have Procurement Reform Consultancy Packages to increase awareness and capability in your organisation and to support your successful transition into applying the new legislation. Please use this link for information on our <u>Buyer Support Packages</u>.

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