

Procurement Reform Newsletter

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Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill

In our last newsletter we looked at the key elements in the [Social Partnership and Public Procurement \(Wales\) Bill](#) that is designed to improve public service delivery and well-being in Wales.

On the 13th of February 2023, the [Health Service Procurement \(Wales\) Bill](#) was laid before the Senedd by Eluned Morgan (MS, Minister for Health and Social Services).

This follows on from the Welsh Government's Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill (SPPP Bill), and the UK-wide Procurement Bill, introduced in the House of Lords last year.

This Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill will provide the following:

- A 'disapplication power' that will enable the Welsh Ministers to disapply provisions of the Procurement Act 2023.
- A 'creation power' to enable Welsh Ministers to introduce, via regulations, a new separate procurement regime for these NHS health services in Wales.

So while one of the UK governments aims within the Green Paper was simplification, it seems that these two Welsh Bills will mean that public procurers in Wales (especially in the NHS in Wales) may need to refer to multiple documents when determining what to apply to their procurements.

Hopefully the information explaining which set of legislation applies is clear and unambiguous.

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Procurement Bill Progress

As of earlier this week (21st Feb 2023) the Procurement Bill completed its [Committee Stage](#) in the House of Commons. This included a significant five days of debate and 40 votes by the committee.

According to the update on the 22nd of Feb, the key themes include 'national security, conflicts of interest, Net Zero, local buying and devolution issues' so I'm looking forward to getting into the detail of these over the next few days.

For those amongst you who enjoy some light procurement reading please use this link to view the most up to date Hansard records of the Committee debates: <http://l.govdelivers.org/t/2316R8qjNw/9>.

The next step for the Procurement Bill is to progress to Report and its Third Reading.

Procurement Reform Resources

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