

Hi – thanks for the opportunity

Our main comment is we feel govt should provide training on key aspects of the guidance to local authorities as part of the roll out of the new subsidy scheme especially as online meetings makes this easier to do.

If I have any other comments I will send these before the deadline below.

Thanks



From: Subsidy Advice Unit <SAU@cma.gov.uk>
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10 August at 11:45 pm

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We would like to bring to your attention <u>the consultation</u> that the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has opened today, Monday 11 July, on guidance setting out how its new Subsidy Advice Unit (SAU) will operate its functions.

The SAU has been created by the <u>Subsidy Control Act 2022</u>, which provides a new framework for providing subsidies within the UK following its exit from the EU. The SAU will provide independent and non-binding advice to public authorities at all levels – including UK and devolved governments, regional and local authorities – evaluating their assessments of financial assistance they provide, via subsidies, to organisations. This advice will apply to certain high-value subsidies that are referred by public authorities, taking into account any effects that they might have on competition or investment in the UK and will be published. In addition, the SAU will periodically monitor and report on the operation of the UK subsidy control regime.

We're keen to hear a range of voices and views on this <u>draft guidance</u>, and welcome all feedback on this consultation. Responses can be submitted via e-mail to <u>SAU@cma.gov.uk</u> until 11:45pm on 10 August.

Please do feel free to share this consultation with anyone who you think may be interested in the SAU's role and operations. Shareable content is also available on the <u>CMA's twitter account</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> channels, if useful.

You may also be aware that BEIS are also currently consulting on statutory guidance on the overall subsidy control regime. This can be found <u>here</u>.

Many thanks,

The CMA Subsidy Advice Unit

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