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Transforming Public Procurement

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# Transforming Public Procurement: *Get ready for Go-Live*



January 2025



# Introductions

# Transforming Public Procurement - Get ready for go-live

## We will to cover:

- **Procurement Act 2023** - what you need to know
- **Key changes and benefits**
- **Central Digital Platform** - Live demo
- **Procurement Review Unit** - focus on oversight
- **Actions** you can take now
- **Answers** to your questions



# Transforming Public Procurement - Get ready for go-live

- This QR Code will take you to our GOV.UK page for suppliers - with lots of information available
- The slides will be shared after this webinar - encourage contracting authorities to share with their own supplier-base
- A recording will be available on GOV.UK next week



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Making it easier to bid and work in partnership with the public sector  
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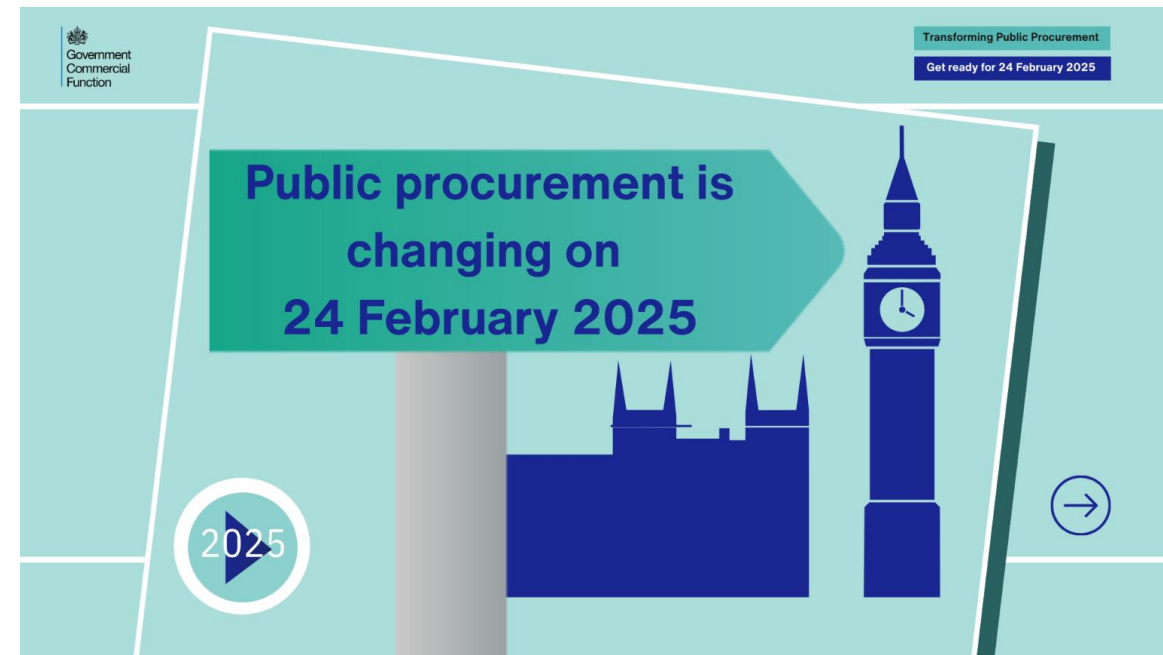


# The Procurement Act 2023: What you need to know

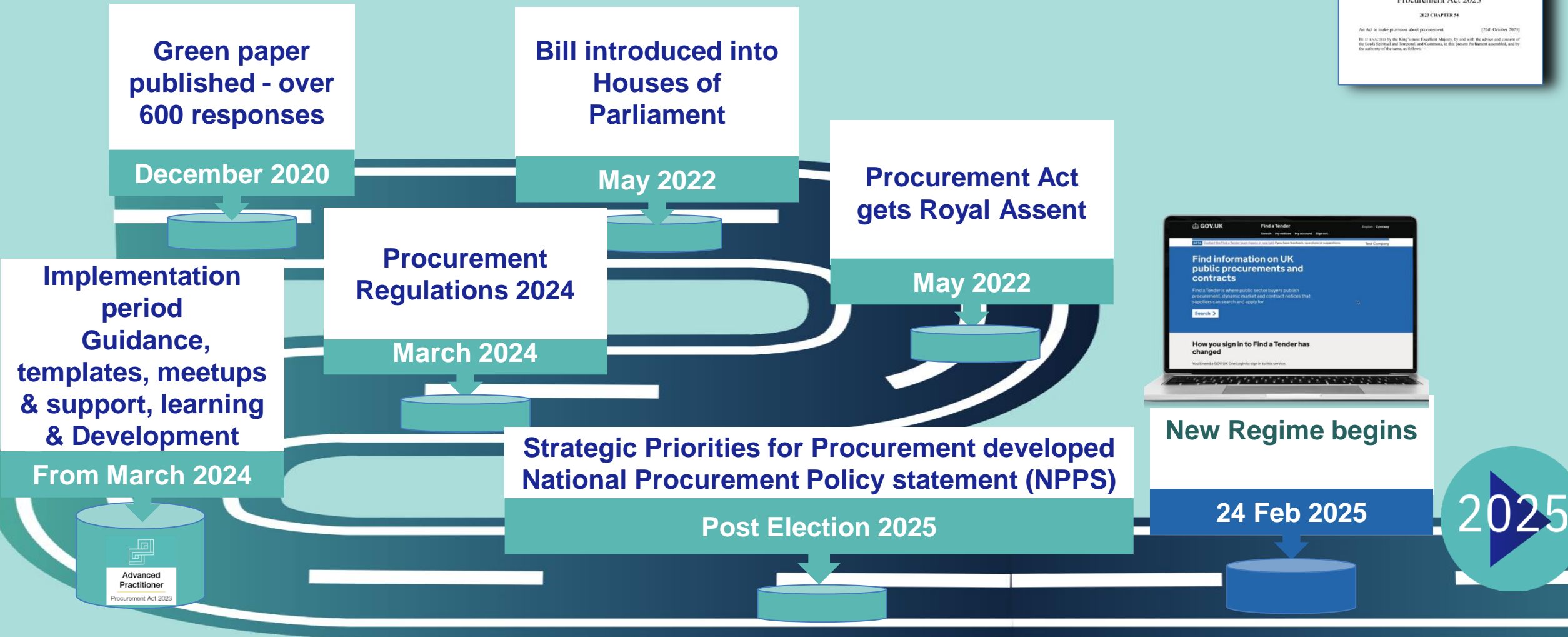
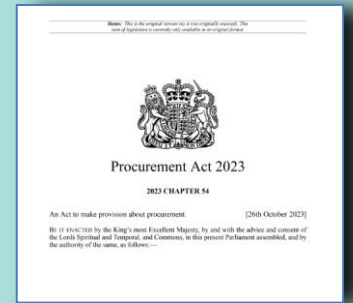
# Transforming £385bn per year spend on public procurement

- A **simpler, more efficient, modern** commercial system
- **Opening up** public procurement
- **Better value for money**
- **Banning** those who pose unacceptable risks
- Embedding **transparency**
- Fostering **innovation**
- Maximising **social value**

**TO NOTE:** Welsh Devolved authorities and Northern Ireland transferred authorities are included within Procurement Act 2023 (with some derogations).



# The pathway to transformation





# We have rolled-out a package of support



## Advanced Deep Dive

3-day Subject Matter Expert-led live training

4,000 people have completed



## e-learning

10 modules covering the new legislation

16,000 people have completed



## Communities of Practice

7,000 members



## Knowledge Drops

On-Demand video content

80,000 views





# Key changes during the procurement process

- Visibility of **pipelines** and notices - including pre-market engagement
- More **flexibility** in procurement procedures
- **Direct Awards** in cases of urgency
- Strengthened approach to **exclusions and new debarment register**
- **Supplier feedback** - requirement on public bodies to provide assessment info for final tenders aims to provide greater consistency of information



# Other key changes to watch out for

- Moving from **Most Economically Advantageous Tender** to **Most Advantageous Tender**
- In-life **Contract Change** provisions - e.g. more grounds for change
- Publication of **Key Performance Indicators** (for contracts over £5m)
- Provisions for **prompt payment**, including a 30-day implied term for supply-chain





# Key benefits

# Competitive Tendering

- **Open** Procedure
- **Competitive Flexible** Procedure - this could include stages such as the below (but **MUST** be clear from the tender docs)
  - Commercial Dialogue
  - Negotiation/ BAFO
  - Site visits, supplier presentations
  - Product demonstrations
  - eAuctions
  - Variant Tenders

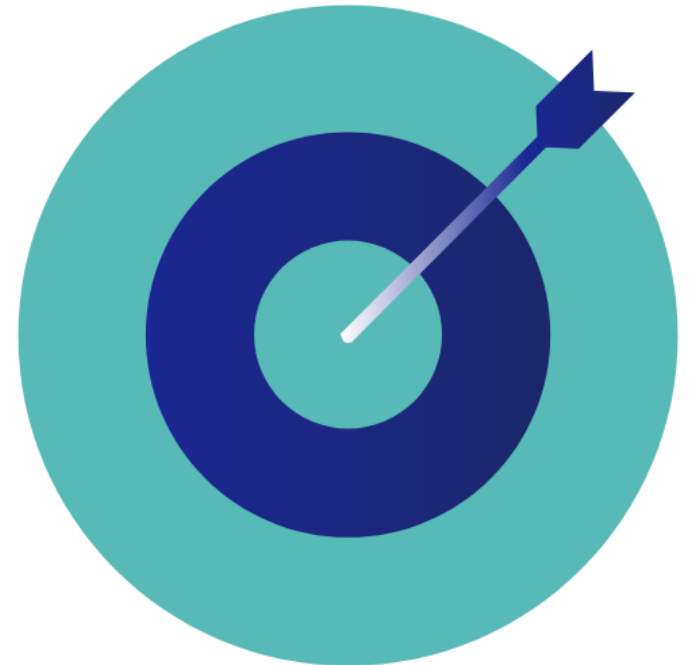
**TO NOTE:** for below-threshold procurement, no requirement to use Supplier Information - standard direct awards can continue under threshold.



# Frameworks

- A more **flexible approach** to setting up frameworks
- New **Open Frameworks** that can be opened for new entrants
- **Dynamic Markets** for a range of goods and services
- Future development of **Register of Commercial Tools**

**IMPORTANT:** There is a transition between regimes and call-offs from existing frameworks will continue under the current regime.



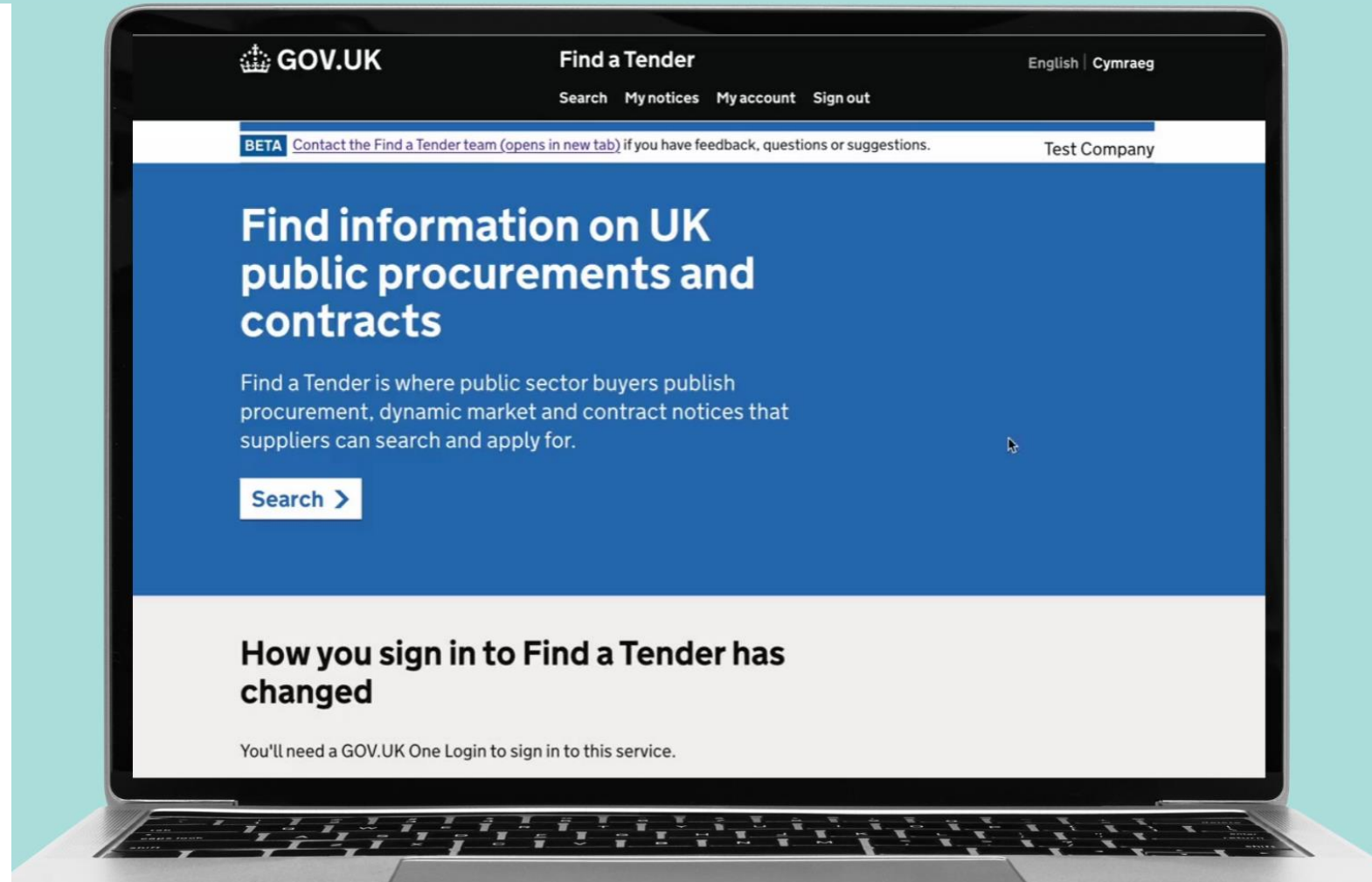


# The Central Digital Platform

# Why is the Central Digital Platform important?

## A more open and transparent public procurement regime

- New procurement notices
- Registration service for suppliers to store details
- Unique identifiers
- Built to allow future functionality



Supplier registration starts on 24 February 2025





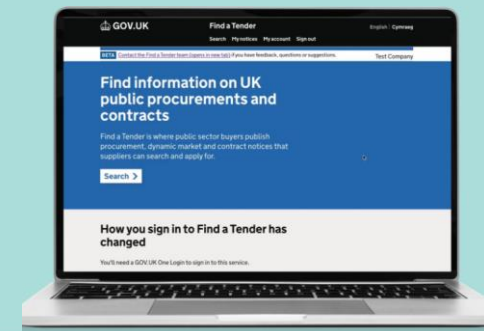
# The Central Digital Platform will cover different aspects

- Enhancement of the **existing Find a Tender service**
- **Easier to find and bid** for contract and integrated with other systems including eSender platforms
- There is **no hurry** to get registered
- Registration **straightforward and quick**
- **Videos and user guides** to help you on GOV.UK

**FREE**

The central digital platform will be free to use for everyone.

There are no charges and you should not pay to view opportunities in the public sector.



Noticing

Sign-in  
and  
registration

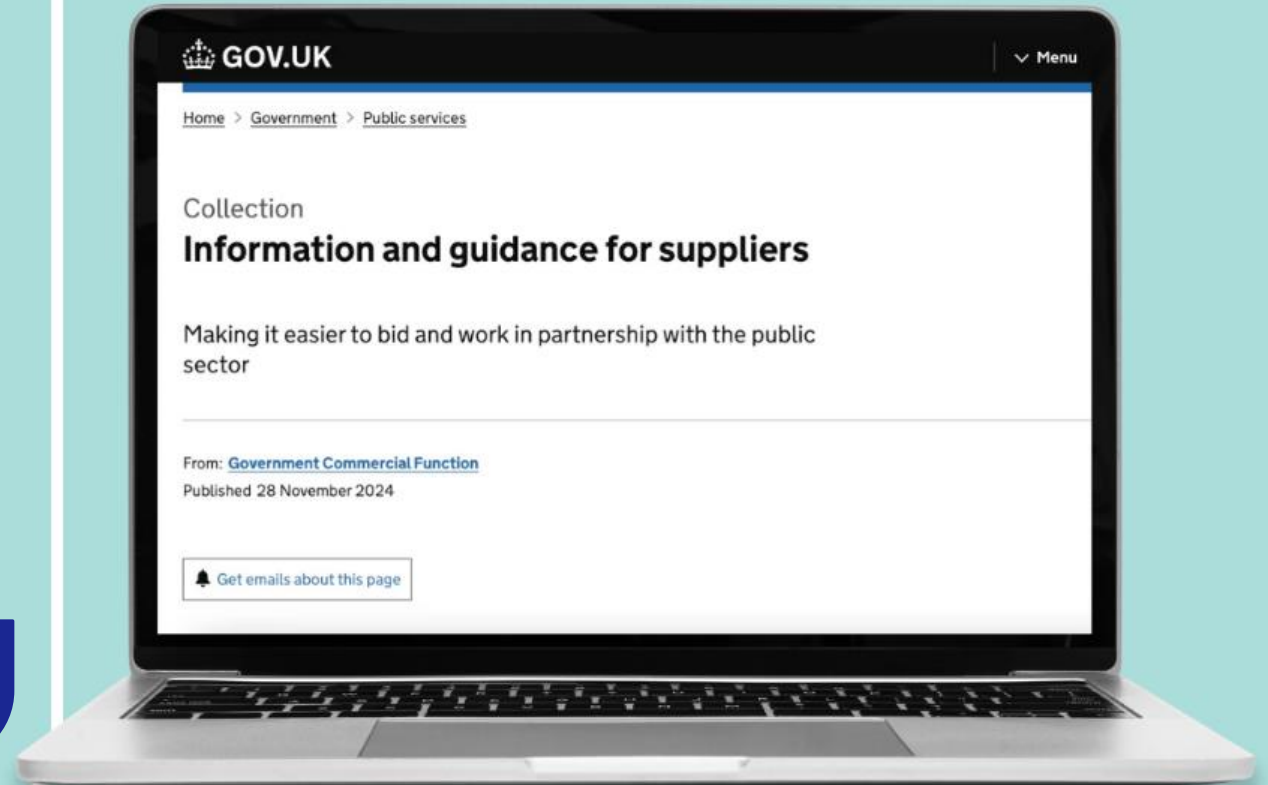
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# Advice, guidance and factsheets



Watch our **Get Ready videos** to help you know what information you will need to register on 24 Feb 2025



[www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers)





# Demonstration



# Procurement Review Unit

# The Procurement Review Unit will provide oversight for suppliers

The PRU will have the responsibility of overseeing three key areas within the new regime

## Public Procurement Review Service (PPRS)

Enhancing the services offered to suppliers from the PPRS to maintain fairness within the public sector procurement landscape.

## Procurement Compliance Service (PCS)

Reviewing contracting authority compliance to the new legislation and making recommendations to address repeated non-compliances.

## Debarment Review Service (DRS)

Considering and/or conducting investigations into suppliers where their behaviour or circumstances mean that potentially they should not be allowed to participate in covered procurements or be awarded public contracts.





# Action you can take now

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- Familiarise yourself with the **Knowledge Drop videos, guidance and templates** and the **Act**
- **Talk to contracting authorities**
- **Watch the videos and prepare your information**
- **Sign up for our updates**
- **Speak with your Trade Associations**
- **Don't just take it from us**
- **Spread the word**





# TPP advice and information

- [TPP on GOV.UK](#)
- [How to videos and guides](#)
- [Factsheet on Central Digital Platform](#)
- [Knowledge Drops videos](#)
- [e-Learning manual](#)  
*(Summarises what buyers are learning)*
- [Raising Standards: our ambition](#)
- [Procurement Specific Questionnaire](#)  
*(A standard template for competitive tenders)*
- [Competitive Flexible ITT Template](#)  
*(Examples of Bid packs and tenders)*

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[Crown Commercial Service Pipeline](#)  
[How to do business with local government](#)



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# Answers to your questions

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