

ELIGIBLE CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES

Who Can Use Our Public Sector Framework Agreements

About our Framework Agreements

Our Public Sector Frameworks have been set up to give our customers easy access to a wide range of suitable suppliers and providers offering value-for-money goods and services. The frameworks have been designed for use by all “contracting authorities” (particularly those involved in delivering health and/or social care service to the public. Our frameworks are designed to comply with PCR 2015 and central government’s national procurement policies.

Who is a Contracting Authority?

A “Contracting Authority” is any organisation named in Schedule 1 to Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 [go to Schedule 1, PCR 2015](#) as well as other public sector organisations which, although not appearing in that Schedule, fall within the definition of a “*body governed by public law*”.

Many organisations falling into this second group are public-sector-owned companies. A wide variety of which may be viewed by downloading the [‘Public sector classification guide’ spreadsheet](#).

When we advertise our frameworks, we ensure that the Contract Notices published in Find a Tender Service (FTS) clearly specifies the customer organisations or types of organisations that we intend should have access to it. This helps to ensure that we are being transparent about our customer-base.

Customer Base

As a result, our frameworks are used with confidence by NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts; local authorities, central government departments, agencies, NDPBs, police, ambulance and fire services. Other contracting authorities include organisations as diverse as the National Gallery; the Royal Mint; Welsh NHS bodies; the Postal Business of the Post Office, the Charity Commission and the Met Office.

If you have any doubts about whether your organisation can safely rely on our frameworks, please contact us, obligation-free, and we will be happy to help you identify the right way forward.

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