



Procurement Act Webinar Series 2024

Webinar Title	Draft Description (Subject to re-financing)	Speaker	When
The Procurement Act 2023: Planning for the main impacts	An overview of the key elements of the new Procurement Act and the impacts it will have for members	CIPFA	18 March 14.00-15.30
Procurement Pipelines and Contract Management Requirements in the new Procurement Act 2023	<p>In the part of the Procurement Act containing the obligation to publish a procurement pipeline, the financial year is deemed to start on 1st April. This is obviously out of synch with the financial year of a university and therefore, the university will have to decide how it can include this requirement within its annual budgets. What can and should universities be doing to get ready for this?</p> <p>For all regulated contracts with a value of more than £5million, the contracting authority will need to agree with the contractor 3 KPIs that will be reported against annually. Where KPIs are not met, this may lead to contractors being excluded from future tender opportunities. Universities need to ensure that they have both the people and the processes to adhere to this obligation.</p> <p>This session will cover the need for: early preparation of updated template documents; and, convening a meeting with all key contract managers within universities' estates teams, ensuring everyone understands the obligations and agrees a process by which to manage them.</p>	Browne Jacobson LLP	April

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The new Notices regime in the Procurement Act 2023 – obligations, risks and opportunities for Authorities	<p>A practical discussion around the extensive new transparency requirements set out in the Procurement Act 2023. It will highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way that the Act and secondary regulations work in tandem to set out the new regime; • The key new notices and requirements; • How the market may make use of the new notices and the likely impact on procurement in practice; • Challenges for Authorities around resourcing and technology; • Legal risk to Authorities around the publication of new notices; • Opportunities for Authorities to use the transparency regime to drive best and fearless practice; • The essential link required between procurement and contract management teams, in order to comply with the Act. 	Mills & Reeve	May
Procurement Act 2023: Spotlight on the selection stage	<p>Focussing on the new rules for assessing suppliers’ financial standing and technical ability at the selection stage of a procurement. Identifying which suppliers would be “Excluded” and “Excludable”. Understanding the new centralised debarment system, and its implications.</p>	Eversheds Sutherland	June
Balancing direct award and transparency under the Procurement Act	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the HE context for sourcing directly - the ability of the HE sector to source directly is an important tool to meet HE requirements for research and innovation and specialist equipment and supplies; • Consider when a direct award can be made, including the new grounds for direct award; • Highlight the new transparency obligations and requirements for standstill; • Discuss the impact of the changes on building a business case to justify the use of the route, the timescales for procurement and risks of challenge and how to balance the competing interests. 	Veale Wasbrough Vizards	July

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Social value in the Procurement Act 2024	How to address social value through the procurement lifecycle under the Procurement Act. In particular, we will look at how to decide upon social value criteria, how much weight can be given to them in procurement exercises, and how they can be measured once the contract has been entered into.	Weightmans	Sept