

NHS Supply2Health

Glossary

1. **AWP (Any Willing Provider)** This term describes a set of system rules whereby for a prescribed range of services, any provider that meets criteria for entering a market, can compete for business within that market, without constraint by a commissioner. Further information on AWP can be found in Section 4 of the [PCT Procurement Guide](#).
2. **Collaborative Procurement Organisations** These include: collaborative procurement hubs (CPHs), commercial procurement collaboratives (CPCs) or supply management confederations (SMCs), and Commissioning Business Services. These organisations work on behalf of groups of NHS trusts and PCTs, collaborating on procurement and supply chain decisions, together with NHS PASA and other organisations including Office of Government Commerce (OGC) and Regional Development Agencies.
1. **CPV (Common Procurement Vocabulary)** The CPV establishes a single classification system for public procurement in Europe aimed at standardising the references used by contracting authorities and entities to describe the subject of procurement contracts. It comprises a main vocabulary for defining the subject of a contract, and a supplementary vocabulary for adding further qualitative information. The main vocabulary is based on a tree structure comprising codes of up to 9 digits (an 8 digit code plus a check digit) associated with a wording that describes the type of supplies, works or services forming the subject of the contract.
2. **D-U-N-S (Dun & Bradstreet) number** A D-U-N-S number is a unique 9-digit identification sequence allocated to businesses that register on the D & B database. The system is voluntary, but widely used; D-U-N-S numbers are used to keep track of businesses worldwide and are recognized, recommended and/or required by more than 50 global, industry and trade associations, including the European Commission.
3. **FOI (Freedom of Information)** Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any member of the public will be able to request access to information held by public bodies
4. **Framework Agreements** – this is a general term for agreements with suppliers which set out terms and conditions under which specific purchases (call-offs) can be made throughout the term of the agreement.
5. **Joint Commissioning** – this term refers to services commissioned jointly by PCTs and local authorities

6. **NHS e-class** is a bespoke classification system for products and services. The purpose of NHS-eClass is to facilitate the accurate analysis of expenditure. NHS-eClass is operated for the English NHS by PASA.
7. **NHS-SID (NHS Supplier Information Database)**. This is an electronic database (managed by, and available on line via PASA) holding supplier pre-qualification information. This avoids the need for suppliers to send tender support information in hard copy to prospective NHS buyers. Suppliers registered on the system are allocated a SID number . For further information see PASA website at <http://www.pasa.nhs.uk/PASAWeb/NHSprocurement/NHSSid/>.
8. **PASA (NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency)** was established in April 2000 as an executive agency of the Department of Health to make the most effective use of resources by getting the best possible value for money when purchasing goods and services for the NHS in England. See <http://www.pasa.nhs.uk/PASAweb>
9. **OJEU** (formerly OJEC) stands for Official Journal of the European Union. This is the publication in which all contracts from the public sector which are valued above a certain threshold must be published. See <http://www.ojeu.com/home.html>
10. **Part A and Part B Services** - The EU Directive (implemented by the UK's 2006 Regulations) has two levels of application – a full regime for services designated as Part A services where the value of the Part A contract exceeds the relevant thresholds, and a lighter regime for other services designated as Part B services. Part A services, the fully regulated category, include services such as telecommunications services, financial services, IT services, construction services and consultancy services. Part B services, the partially regulated category, include legal services, educational services and health and social services. Clinical services are, therefore, usually assessed by contracting authorities as Part B services.
11. **SIMAP** is a web-based software package used by OJEU to provide commissioners and suppliers with the information needed to manage the procurement process effectively.
12. **TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)** is a commercial tender tracker system that automatically sends subscribers relevant contract opportunities directly by email.