

SHARED SERVICES IN THE SCOTTISH PUBLIC SECTOR: IMPACT OF THE EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES

Purpose

1. The purpose of this SPPN is to provide you with a copy of a guidance document on how EU public procurement rules impact on the provision of services between public bodies and/or between public bodies and delivery vehicles intended to support the provision of shared services to more than one public body.

2. This is a complex and evolving area and it is not possible to provide definitive answers in advance of the European Court's formal position being established or any European Commission guidance being published. This document, therefore, is intended to give direction on the general issue and should not be regarded as a substitute for legal advice on specific cases.

Dissemination

3. Please bring this SPPN to the attention of all relevant staff, including those in Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies and other sponsored public bodies within your area of responsibility. The guidance document has been published on the Executive's website at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/1265/0054682.pdf>

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