



National Collaborative Procurement Division – quarterly bulletin

Welcome to NCPD's quarterly bulletin - August 2026

Since my last update, the spend and benefits for SG-led collaborative procurement for 25/26 has been finalised; and I'm pleased to report that Value for Money benefits of £181 million were achieved via a combination of cost-avoidance and cashable savings. Another highlight in the period was the success of the Scottish Government and Supply25 in winning the Procurement Transformation Through Technology Award at the National GO Awards in Liverpool.

There have also been some exciting developments in the e-commerce space, with the Source to Tender project progressing well, while some important enhancements are being made to Management Information Platform Scotland (MIPS) functionality.

Supply Chain constraints continue to affect the ICT Products frameworks, necessitating further temporary price adjustments. The Collaborative ICT Procurement team is doing its utmost to mitigate the impact on customers against a challenging global backdrop.

The Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) continues to progress well, with several contracts having been awarded, while the current suite of opportunities totals around £8 million.

Our national Natural Gas framework has been successfully extended to 31 March 2029, providing long-term supply security and supporting forward purchasing requirements for all public bodies up to two and a half years in advance.

Finally, our service enhancement work is picking up pace, underpinned by our new NCPD Strategy which will be critical in our journey towards commercial excellence.

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How to access SG national collaborative frameworks and services

Our full [framework contact list](#) is available on our website. All [Scottish Procurement Policy Notes](#) can also be found on our website.

Scottish Government and Supply25 - National GO Award winners!



The Scottish Government and Supply25 were successful winners at the National GO Awards in Liverpool held in June 2026 under the 'Procurement Transformation Through Technology Award'. The award recognises the role technology - including digital, data and AI - is having on public procurement nationally. It recognises organisations or projects that have successfully integrated technology into their approach, driving efficiency and better outcomes.

[Supply25](#), conceived through [CivTech](#), have risen to the challenge and have worked tirelessly to understand a complex public sector landscape. The result is a platform that not only improves Cyber Resilience and Accessibility across the supply chain but also levels the procurement playing field for all suppliers big and small. The standardised, secure, reusable and scalable platform gives the public sector buyer confidence in their procurement process and gives the supplier an easy to use, repeatable means of providing assurance as part of their tender submissions.

The National Collaborative Procurement Division were part of the Supply25 Private Beta through 2025 and Scottish Procurement are now using the platform for all relevant procurements. A small number of Scottish Government funded licenses for Supply25 are still available for 26/27. If you would like to know more, please contact adrian.williamson@gov.scot

Update on Service Enhancement/Commercial Excellence

Since the launch of the National Collaborative Procurement Division (NCPD) Strategy in April 2026, in line with Public Service Reform (PSR) requirements, NCPD has made significant progress in delivering key improvement initiatives designed to strengthen governance, enhance organisational effectiveness, and support the delivery of high-quality procurement services.

Key achievements include the implementation of the NCPD Strategy, supported by staff engagement, a clear delivery plan, and enhanced performance management through the introduction of a strategic scorecard. Stakeholder engagement and organisational visibility have been strengthened through a coordinated Communications and Engagement Plan and increased promotion of NCPD achievements.

NCPD has also improved organisational efficiency and collaboration through the refresh of key information resources, greater transparency of roles and responsibilities. Cross-team learning, knowledge sharing, and professional development have been further supported through shadowing opportunities, improved access to policy updates, with agreed actions embedded into ongoing improvement activity.

National ICT Frameworks and Dynamic Purchasing System

Internet of Things Dynamic Purchasing System

Scottish Procurement has extended the duration of the [Internet of Things \(IoT\) – Dynamic Purchasing System \(DPS\)](#) until 17 September 2027. The DPS offers the Scottish public sector a route to market for IoT technologies and Services. Due to the wide and diverse nature of IoT, it is not possible to list all categories of technologies and services envisaged but examples include:

- device management
- data management
- analytics
- application enablement and management
- security
- IoT related hardware, e.g. sensors, gateways, and on-premise infrastructure etc
- IoT enablement, advice and implementation services etc.

Full details of the DPS, including the current supplier list, can be found on our [website](#). If you require any additional information, please contact [Estela Rebelato](#) or [Lisa Pittman](#) (07345 473360).

SmartSTEMs x Computacenter: 2024 – 2026 – Case Study

A [case study](#) has been published covering cross-sector collaboration and how this activity can directly support the Scottish Government's ambition to build a fairer, more productive, inclusive, digital nation.

Desktop Client Devices Framework

The [Desktop Client Devices](#) framework has been extended into its final year and is now due to expire on 31 August 2027. Work will commence shortly on the relet process.

All ICT products frameworks

Supply Chain Constraints continue to affect the ICT Products frameworks with global memory component shortages impacting pricing and availability. Further temporary price adjustments have been agreed for the [Mobile Client Devices](#), [Desktop Client Devices](#) and [Web Based and Proprietary Devices](#) frameworks with full details communicated via Procurement Centres of Expertise. Scottish Procurement will continue to monitor the situation and seek regular updates from framework suppliers to ensure proactive steps are taken to safeguard against supply disruptions. Framework Public Bodies are also reminded that all our Client Device Frameworks benefit from a six-month bonded storage option, free of charge for core devices, which allows for warranty and invoicing deferral.

eProcurement and Management Information

Procurement Information Hub (formerly spikes)

Earlier this year, in collaboration with our supplier DXC, we commissioned 108 Scottish public sector organisations for their 2025/26 spend data. This accounts payable data will support analysis of annual procurement spend in the public sector and underpins both Annual Procurement Reports and the Scottish Ministers' Annual Report. The data, once uploaded to the Hub, further allows organisations to identify key insights on expenditure across their third-party suppliers, such spend with Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, local suppliers, and common suppliers.

Progress

By the end of July, 56 organisations have had their 2025/26 analysis completed and uploaded to the Procurement Information Hub, with the remaining organisations progressing through the data collection process. We continue to work with DXC to embed iterative improvements in the process, with the aim of reducing turnaround times, and improving overall data quality.

Management Information Platform Scotland (MIPS)

By integrating data from eProcurement and Management Information Shared Service systems and local datasets, MIPS enhances national reporting capability of procurement data through a comprehensive suite of business intelligence tools, including dashboards and standardised and self-service reports. MIPS is available for use across the public sector, and we continue to work in partnership with public bodies seeking to enhance their procurement management information.

NHS Anchors

NHS Anchors is a national programme which leverages the NHS's role as a major employer, purchaser and community partner to improve social, economic and environmental outcomes that influence health. Purchasing for social benefit is a key part to achieving this.

Working in partnership with Public Services Delivery Scotland and NHS throughout the programme, we have now developed a range of Procurement MI dashboards, which are now supporting Anchor workstream plans, regular reporting and providing data to make enhanced decisions around areas such as community benefits and procurement delivery. Whilst these dashboards are now fully live in the system, we continue to collaborate with colleagues to offer continuous improvement and where possible identify further opportunities to enhance the data and its purpose.

We wish to thank NHS colleagues for their engagement and collaboration throughout these developments and look forward to using this information to support other key government commitments.

Future work

Over the coming year, we will continue to develop MIPS reporting options, providing greater insight across spend analytics and linking to other procurement MI data sources. These developments will enable public bodies to use procurement MI to support delivery of local and national objectives, using data to influence reporting and decisions.

By continuing to integrate new data sources and work closely with stakeholders, we aim to further strengthen MIPS as a central platform for procurement management information and insight within the Scottish procurement public sector. We are also planning our next round of engagement sessions with public bodies to ensure our current reporting offer meets users' needs.

If you would like more information regarding the solutions offered by the Management Information Branch, please contact procurementmidata@gov.scot.

Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) and PCS-Tender (PCS-T)

As part of Proactis' ongoing commitment to delivering a secure, resilient and reliable service for the Scottish public sector they will be upgrading the cloud infrastructure that underpins PCS. The Scottish Government team is working closely with Proactis to support the transition and will play an active role in testing the new environment to ensure a smooth migration.

For users, the impact is expected to be minimal. The majority of the work will take place behind the scenes and outside of normal business hours, meaning day-to-day use of PCS should remain largely unaffected throughout the transition.

Further information will be communicated in due course, with the migration expected to be completed later this year, by the end of October.

In the period from 1 April to 30 June 2026, for PCS there were:

- 936 above threshold notices published - these included 364 Contract Award Notices and 321 Calls for Competition
- 2,133 Quick Quotes were issued
- 1,588 Quick Quotes were awarded
- 233 Buyer Users Registered

PCS-T

The contract for PCS-T has been extended for a further 24 months, until 30 September 2028. This will ensure continuity of service for users while the procurement process for the new Source to Contract solution is completed and implementation activities begin.

The latest system update, JA26.2, was released on 20 July 2026. It introduced new functionality through the addition of a column that allows buyers to view supplier completion rates for questions created and published within the system as part of a PQQ or ITT.

Suppliers now have greater control over the notifications they receive. If they decide not to participate in a tender opportunity, they can choose to stop receiving further email updates for that specific ITT or PQQ event, helping to reduce unnecessary communications and keep their inbox focused on opportunities that matter to them.

All release notes are published on [PCS-T Knowledge Hub](#).

In the period from 1 April to 30 June 2026, for PCS-T there were:

- 588 Projects were started within the PCS –Tender system
- 752 ITTs were created within PCS-Tender
- 663 ITTs were issued from PCS-Tender

If you would like more information on PCS or PCS-Tender, please contact pcs-tender@gov.scot

Source to Contract (S2C) Programme Update

The Scottish Government's Source to Contract (S2C) programme continues to progress towards the procurement of a new national source-to-contract solution that will replace Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) and Public Contracts Scotland Tender (PCS-T). However, the programme's ambition now extends beyond replacing existing technology.

The programme aims to create a more consistent end-to-end procurement service for the Scottish public sector, supported by a single platform and improved ways of working. Alongside the procurement of a single solution, work is beginning to define how the future service will operate, helping to ensure that technology, support and governance develop together.

Progress update

Following the approval of the Outline Business Case and a competitive procurement exercise launched in January 2026, the programme is currently evaluating tender submissions and developing its Full Business Case. Contract award remains on track for the end of the year.

Alongside procurement activity, implementation planning is underway to prepare for the transition to the new solution. This includes work to define the future service, develop supporting operating arrangements and plan how organisations will be supported throughout the service implementation.

S2C Service Ambition

The programme aims to provide a more consistent procurement experience for organisations across the Scottish public sector. By bringing together procurement activity into a single solution, S2C will support organisations to work more consistently, reduce unnecessary duplication and improve the information available to support procurement decisions over time.

The programme will continue to provide updates as work progresses, with further information on implementation and invitations to join future engagement opportunities. As part of the preparations for the next phase of the programme, a dedicated S2C mailbox has now been established. If you would like to know more or have any questions, please contact: S2Cprogramme@gov.scot and a member of the project team will be happy to help.

Professional and Corporate Services Update - Marketing Services Framework

The current marketing services framework has been extended for three months. The new expiry date is now 30 November 2026.

If you have questions, please contact Colin.Anderson@gov.scot

Civil Engineering Framework – Construction

As the Civil Engineering Framework progresses, we are continuing to work closely with public sector organisations and industry partners to provide an effective route to market for major civil engineering projects across Scotland. The Framework has been extended until 24 March 2030, providing long-term certainty and supporting the delivery of vital infrastructure investment.

The Framework provides a route for civil engineering projects ranging from £5 million to £100 million and covers a comprehensive range of civil engineering works and associated services. Most projects are expected to focus on roads, bridges and related infrastructure, with NEC4 forms of contract and supplementary clauses developed collaboratively by the Scottish Government Steering Group, industry representatives and public sector stakeholders.

The Civil Engineering Framework is structured across three lots and includes eight appointed suppliers:

Lot 1: General Civil Engineering projects from £5 million to £25 million

Lot 2: Structural Civil Engineering projects from £5 million to £25 million

Lot 3: All Civil Engineering projects from £25 million to £100 million

The Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), which supports projects valued up to £5 million, continues to grow in both scale and utilisation. The DPS now has 33 appointed suppliers, of which 22 are SMEs, representing 67% of the supplier base. Since its inception, several competitions have been completed and contracts awarded by North Lanarkshire Council, East Lothian Council and Transport Scotland. Current opportunities include two Transport Scotland procurements valued at £2.7 million and £1.3 million respectively, together with a £4 million tender for Crown Estate Scotland. Looking ahead, further opportunities are anticipated from Transport Scotland.

The Collaborative Construction Team (CCT) will continue to engage with public sector organisations and suppliers to promote the benefits of both the Framework and DPS, support the delivery of high-quality procurement outcomes, and maximise opportunities for SME participation across Scotland's civil engineering sector.

A recent article highlights the successful delivery of the £1.2 million Wallyford Toll Roundabout Improvement Scheme in East Lothian, procured via the SG Civils DPS:

<https://projectscot.com/2026/08/agile-approach-helps-unlock-active-travel-hub-in-east-lothian>



Energy and Utilities procurement update

A review of key energy and utilities frameworks is underway to ensure continuity of supply and value for money across the organisation. The current Liquid Fuels Framework remains in place through the GCA National Fuels Framework (RM6177 National Fuels 2) until 31 March 2027, with procurement planning already underway for future arrangements.

For Water and Waste Water Services, preparations have begun to activate the available 12-month extension, which will extend the contract through to 31 March 2028.

The Natural Gas contract has been successfully extended to 31 March 2029, providing long-term supply security and supporting forward purchasing requirements up to two and a half years in advance.

The Electricity contract currently runs until 31 March 2027, with arrangements in place to extend the agreement and maintain uninterrupted service.

Recent customer survey responses increased significantly from around 30-40 previously to approximately 150-160 responses. This was driven by a redesigned, streamlined survey process, stronger customer engagement, and clear communication on how feedback will be used to support service improvements.

Customer feedback will be shared with suppliers as part of annual review discussions, helping to identify key themes and support the development of targeted improvement plans where required. The surveys provide valuable insight beyond existing KPI's, highlighting issues such as billing accuracy, metering, customer service, and responsiveness that are not always fully reflected in performance reports. This has strengthened our ability to challenge suppliers and drive continuous improvement.