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Transforming Public Procurement

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Who are we?



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The Challenge

A New Act of Parliament on Procurement

The Challenge...



92,000 Contracting Authorities in the UK



New Law on how they have to buy things for their organisations



Procurement Act 2023



How do we help them with the transition between old and new law and the anxiety the transition could bring?



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Transforming Public Procurement (TPP)

TPP Programme...



Development of Policy Guidance



Design & Development of an E-learning Programme as an enabler



Nine training modules and some Deep Dive sessions



But...how do we help communicate and embed this information & Learning?



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The Solution

A Community of Practice (CoP)

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Objectives



To be a learning intervention, not just a comms and marketing tool



To focus on user needs



To empathise with concerns arising from the uncertainty of new rules



To recognise the individual behind each role



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Building a CoP

Where do you start?

CoP Where Do You Start?



Started by mapping the CA Landscape of 92,000 organisations



Recruited a network of 90 SPOC's to get reach into all sectors



Developed a network of 2000 Superusers as the “soldiers on the ground” for the SPOC's



Start running a programme of online community meet-ups with subject matter experts



All about making meaningful connections!



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Growing & Managing a CoP

Central Resources Hub...



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Here, procurement, commercial, and commissioning professionals from central government and the wider public sector come together to share, learn, and collaborate whilst navigating the new procurement landscape across the public sector.

Our objectives are to:

- Foster a strong community of commercial/procurement professionals in the public sector to elevate procurement capabilities.
- Support existing locally-managed commercial/procurement communities of practice across organisations and sectors.
- Provide a platform for peer support, best practice creation, and sharing.
- Discuss and identify trends, challenges, and risks in procurement practices.
- Encourage the application of best practices within the new regime by procurement, commercial, and commissioning professionals.
- Identify opportunities for continuous improvement in procurement practices within organisations, sectors, or regions.

Let's transform public procurement together.

* We are committed to making the resource materials on this hub as accessible as possible, and are currently auditing current and future content in the context. Should you have any issues accessing information, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will endeavour to provide an alternative format.

[Programme Resources](#) [View](#)

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[Community Discussion Forum](#) [View](#)

Watch our Communities of Practice explainer animation to learn about the community-based approach and how it fosters success.



Supplier Information

Questions with Hint Text and Response Options
These are now available [here](#)

Additional Procurement Act Templates Available

PA01 Competitive Flexible & Guidance
PA01 Procurement Stages
PA02 Procurement Specific Questionnaire
PA05 Contract Award & Recommendation Template
PA06 Commercial Sourcing Strategy

Available to download [here](#)

PA 2023: A Short Guide for Senior Leaders

A new short guide for senior leaders of contracting authorities is now available for download [here](#)

SME Definitions Short Guide

New supplementary information on the definition of small and medium sized enterprises has now been published. Available for download [here](#)

News about upcoming guidance

All published guidance can be found [here](#). We will be communicating new releases via our normal channels and will update you here as well.

Reminder of upcoming events

Join us at our January and February CoP Events.

Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) - 15 / 16 January

Unlocking Flexibility: Competitive Flexible Procedure Approach: 21 / 22 January

PA2023: Get Ready to Go-Live CoP event - Central Digital Platform - Showcase: 04 / 06 February

PA2023: Get Ready to Go-Live CoP event - Implementation Showcase: 12 / 13 February

PA2023: Get Ready to Go-Live CoP event - Procurement Panel

Programme Resources

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Our Programme Resources section is where you will find a wide range of useful tools, documents and information, to help you in the implementation of the new Procurement Act 2023.

We will be continually updating and adding to this library of resources and building out the best practice and case study examples as implementation begins.



SPOCs & Superusers

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Implementation Communications & Marketing Resources

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Implementation Policy Resources

[View](#)



Implementation of CDP / Improved Find A Tender Service

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Community Resources & Best Practice

[View](#)



Community Case Studies

[View](#)

SuperUser Newsletter





SuperUser
Procurement Act 2023

SuperNewser - Communities of Practice

Welcome to the fourth edition of the SuperNewser...our regular update on all things TPP for you, our valuable Superuser colleagues.

We are now just under three weeks away from "Go-Live"—a milestone that marks the moment your role truly comes to life.

In this edition of SuperNewser, you'll find key updates on upcoming events and activities to help you navigate the final stretch. But before that, we want to take a moment to thank you. Your dedication, engagement, and support over the past years have been instrumental in building and sustaining this incredible community.

Now, this is your time to shine.

Your leadership will be essential in guiding your organisations through this transition. You have the knowledge—gained through the e-learning, deep dives, and CoP meetups—to support your teams and help them adapt. You can also encourage them to engage with the GCC Portal including the forum, connecting with peers and sharing insights.

This is more than just a regulation change; this is a transformation of public procurement. And you are at the forefront of it.

Together, we will shape the future—and you have a strong community behind you, supporting you every step of the way.

Let's lead the way.



Community

8050 learners now enrolled in COP.



Forum

12 live topics on the forum

With 300 users - join the discussions [here](#)

Help Us Shape your CoP Support !

We are keen for you to help us shape sessions going forward and would appreciate you taking the time to complete our survey on subject areas. You can do that [HERE](#).

Recently Published Guidance & Tools



Guidance Documents

[Plan](#)[Define](#)[Procure](#)[Manage](#)



Central Digital Platform Supplier Video Guides

You can access the videos here : [Transforming Public Procurement - information and guidance for suppliers](#)



Superuser Journey



Superuser Journey Graphic

We have developed an infographic that details the journey of the Superuser. Download from the GCC [here](#).

SuperUser Mastery Events January 2025



Procurement Act 2023:

Superusers Mastery: Building Confidence & Best Practices





A Resounding Success

Thank you to those of you that joined our recent mastery pilot sessions. Feedback for this style of event has been very positive and we are encouraged that this approach will become a more regular part of our programme of support post "Go-Live"

Slides from the event can be found [here](#) on the GCC, and we encourage you to use the scenarios with your immediate and wider teams.

Community Meet-Ups

Our CoP meet ups continue to prove to be very popular, with 6-800 colleagues joining each session. You can register for any of the upcoming events by visiting the CoP page on the GCC and following the Eventbrite link (Please do not share the link as these are private bookable events). We are now operating a waiting list for sold out events, and would ask that colleagues who book a place and then subsequently can't attend, cancel their ticket on Eventbrite to allow waiting list colleagues to attend.

Please remind your teams that we have a code of conduct for these sessions and that we use Slido as an interactive tool.

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Countdown Events



Implementation Showcase

12 & 13 February 2025

[Book](#)



Procurement Panel Discussion

18 February 2025

[Book](#)

Post Go Live



Compliance

2 & 30 April 2025

[Book](#)



Exclusions

3 April & 1 May 2025

[Book](#)

The Bottom Line..



L&D - TPP Programme

The Bottom Line

Now that the regular L&D Working Group has come to an end, we will now be updating you on the L&D element of the TPP programme through this monthly e-shot.

Knowledge Drop Videos...

Please continue to encourage your teams to watch the Knowledge Drops Series.

96,364
Total Views

8,030
Average Views per video

Knowledge Drops for Contracting Authorities Part 1
Most Viewed Video

As of 2 May 2025

The reach of our e-learning...

Whilst completions stand at over nineteen thousand, we still have nearly ten thousand learners in progress. Please encourage your colleagues to focus on finishing the learning.

29,071
Learners Enrolled

19,372
Learners Completed

9,699
Learners in Progress

As of 2 May 2025

The Deep Dives...

The TPP Deep Dives come to an end on the 4th July and places are filling up fast! If you are intending to complete the Deep Dive training then now is the time to get your e-learning finished and your Deep Dive booked.

307
Cohorts Completed

5,984
Learners Attended

98.1%
Utilisation Rate

As of 2 May 2025

Our Learning Satisfaction...

81%
E-Learning

93%
Deep Dives

85%
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As of 2 May 2025

Next Event

Procurement Act 2023:
Contract Management
— Diverse Approaches in Action

Contract Management — Diverse Approaches in Action
13th and 14th May 2025

[BOOK NOW](#)

Upcoming Events

Contracts for Innovation — Exploring New Possibilities
20th & 22nd May 2025

[BOOK NOW](#)

Getting the basics right to ensure smooth implementation
3rd & 5th June 2025

[BOOK NOW](#)

Mini CoP for early adopters of Competitive Flexible

The early adopter CFP group that we set up a few months back has proved so popular that we are now formalising the group, and will manage meet-ups through Eventbrite. Details of the next event will be released shortly. If you wish to join the group, please complete the online form.

[Join now](#)

Linkedin...



TPP Communities of Practice Join Now!

Peer Support
Best Practice Creation
Online Forum
Community Meet-ups
Central Learning Resources

Register on the GCC.

*For public sector buyers only



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"Coming into Public Sector Procurement after a career in Private Sector Supply Chain, everything offered from the Government Commercial Function like the modular and deep dive training, the regular webinars, and all the resources available on the GCC, has made me feel like my employer and I are not alone. In addition the sense of community from the Community of Practice has been of immeasurable assistance, and I would definitely recommend all users to engage with everything that is available to them from this platform, regardless of whether they are new to the sector or have been doing it for all of their career."

Shane Smith

Procurement Manager, City College Norwich, Paston College and Easton College

11,000

members of the
Community of Practice



Meet-Ups



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Procurement Act 2023:

Post Go Live Review and
Open Q&A with experts



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Procurement Act 2023:

Contracts for Innovation
— Exploring New Possibilities



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Procurement Act 2023:

Key changes on the
Standard Contracts



30 Topics Covered

Average attendance 500-750 people

Surveys & Feedback



Scan the QR code on screen or alternatively join and answer by typing Slido into your search engine and then code #4196329





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Where are we today?



Where are we today?



11,237

UK Procurement Professionals
in the community



Largest

internal CoP in the UK



35,000

people have attended meet-ups



85%

satisfaction level



50% of the Top 25

other Regional Fora
supported by CoP

**But it is all about keeping
momentum now that the
PA23 is now live!**



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Don't Just Take Our Word For It !

Testimonials



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"I feel the Communities of Practice has opened a networking opportunity in housing that simply wasn't there before. As someone relatively new to the public sector (6 years) so many barriers have been removed through my involvement in the CoP: people connections nationally within housing; support in understanding best practice; access to Government Commercial Function tools and professional development for both myself and my team. It's been a real game-changer!"

Sara Wetherill

Head of Procurement, Thirteen Housing Group

"The Communities of Practice are an invaluable platform for fostering collaboration and learning as we approach the biggest change that we've seen in public procurement regulations for a generation. To all of my colleagues in procurement roles across the public sector, I would strongly encourage you to participate – this is an excellent opportunity for you to gain valuable knowledge, stay informed, and learn from one another so that you can hit the ground running and reap the benefits of the new regime come February."

Michael Bridger

*Commercial and Procurement Standards and Improvement Manager,
Kent County Council*



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