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The Procurement Act 2023 has established a more open and transparent procurement system, embedding greater transparency at each stage of the commercial lifecycle.

This new approach allows for a more comprehensive understanding of public sector spending, improves data quality and enhances public trust in public service delivery.

Why is this important?

Linking payments to contracts is an essential part of public procurement transparency providing real benefits to both buyers and suppliers:

- Aligning procurement and finance data helps strengthen internal controls and early flagging of issues
- Improved market insights from analysing payment data, allowing suppliers to track growing markets and prepare for tendering
- Supports public trust in how the government spends taxpayer money and delivers public services as citizens and civil society can see not just who won the contract, but who is getting paid, how much, and for which contract- providing a full audit trail.



When is this happening?

We intend to commence section 70 of the Procurement Act from 1 April 2026. Section 70 requires Contracting Authorities (unless exempt) to publish information about any payment of more than £30,000 (inc. VAT) made against public contracts for procurements that are commenced from 1/4/2026.

This means you will only need to publish payments against public contracts for procurements that were commenced under the PA23 after this commencement date (payments against contracts commenced prior to this date, even if they have not yet been awarded, do not need to be published).

Unlike other transparency requirements, you will be able to upload a simple template for all relevant payments made in each quarter, rather than a single notice per payment.

The first payment submission will be due at the end of July 2026 (i.e. 30 calendar days from the end of the first quarter) - so there is time to prepare.

You can start getting ready now....

Three stages to prepare for Section 70

Stage 1: Identify upcoming contracts you have in scope of s70

Action: Review your pipeline for procurements for public contracts that are planned to commence (i.e. a tender or transparency notice is anticipated to be published, or where you are planning to call off from a PA23 framework or Dynamic Market) from 1st April 2026 and start to think about how to flag these as requiring payment information to be published in due course.

Stage 2: Plan how you will match your payments to contracts

Action: Once you have identified your pipeline of upcoming in-scope procurements, consider how you might collate all the information needed for your payment report. There are two key sources of information, the UK7 contract details notices that will have been published on CDP (FTS) and the payment information. See the table included in stage 3 below.

Review your contract to payment processes and start to consider how the identifiers can be matched to payments made against the contract. We recommend you work with your finance team to agree on the best way of doing this.

All the information you'll need from the notices is publicly available. The following screenshots show where this information can be found in a sample UK7 notice.

Where do we get this information?- Notice view

Contract

Stock Condition Surveys (SCS's) & Energy Performance Certificates (EPC's)

Hull City Council

UK: Contract details notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/5 000-039798

Procurement identifier (DCO): [dcos-Maths-01-01-01](#) [View related notices](#)

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Scope

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Description

Hull City Council (The Authority) has applied for two contracts. The Authority has applied for Lot 1 - Enviro AC Limited to provide: Social (SCS) and Energy Performance Certificates (EPC). The estimated value of Lot 1 services is £720,000 per annum, and by lot 2: Alliance 365 Limited to provide: Energy Performance Certificates (EPC). The estimated value of Lot 2 services is £100,000 per annum. The notice is at a single stage. The notice commenced on 1st July 2025 and will run for a period of 12 months.

Contracting authority

Hull City Council

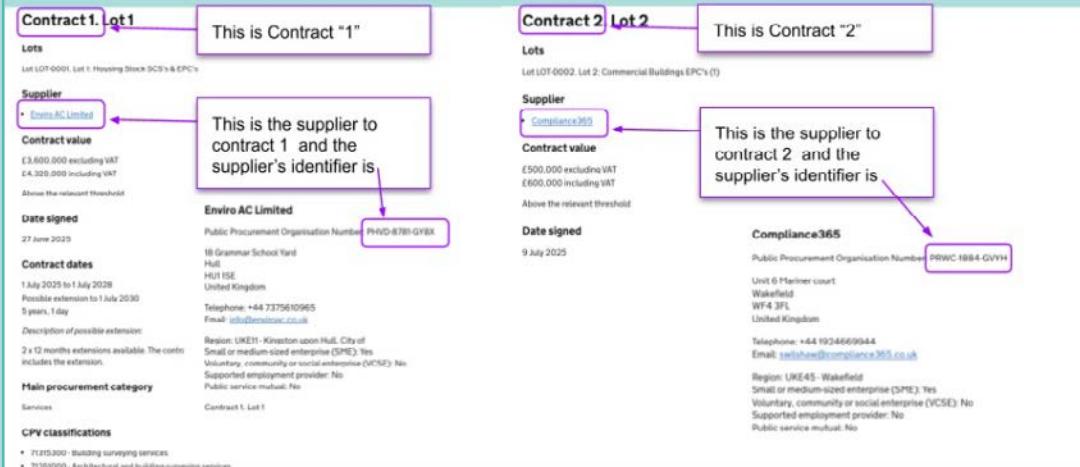
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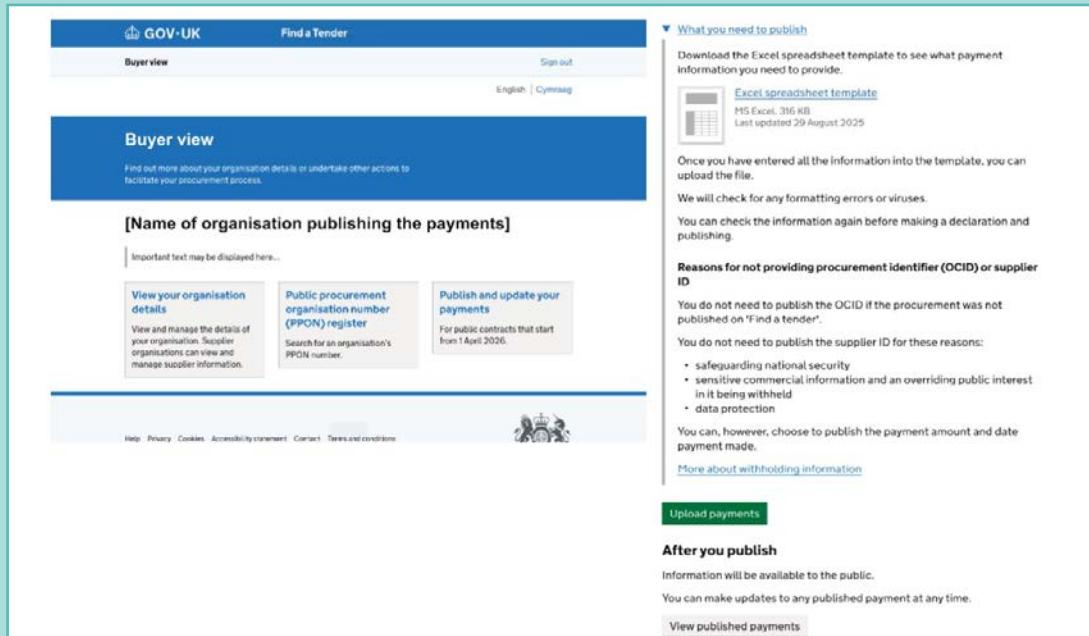
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Stage 3: How to publish your payment information

Action: Determine who in your organisation will be responsible for compiling and uploading the payment report. This duty can be shared, as more than one person can upload payments for the same organisation. Once your account is live you will then be able to access the upload template from your "Buyer view" by clicking on the "Publish and update your payments" tile- see below screenshots. From there you will see details of what you need to publish along with the downloadable spreadsheet template.

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The screenshot shows the GOV.UK 'Buyer view' page for publishing payments. The top navigation bar includes 'GOV.UK', 'Find a Tender', 'Buyer view', 'Sign out', and language options 'English' and 'Cymraeg'. The main content area is divided into sections:

- Buyer view:** A blue header with the text 'Buyer view' and a sub-section 'Find out more about your organisation details or undertake other actions to facilitate your procurement process.'
- [Name of organisation publishing the payments]:** A text input field with placeholder text 'Important text may be displayed here...'. Below it are three buttons: 'View your organisation details', 'Public procurement organisation number (PPON) register', and 'Publish and update your payments'.
- What you need to publish:** A section with a sub-section 'Excel spreadsheet template' (MS Excel, 316 KB, Last updated 29 August 2025). It includes instructions: 'Download the Excel spreadsheet template to see what payment information you need to provide.', 'Once you have entered all the information into the template, you can upload the file.', 'We will check for any formatting errors or viruses.', and 'You can check the information again before making a declaration and publishing.'
- Reasons for not providing procurement identifier (OCID) or supplier ID:** A list of reasons: 'You do not need to publish the OCID if the procurement was not published on 'Find a tender'.', 'You do not need to publish the supplier ID for these reasons:
 - safeguarding national security
 - sensitive commercial information and an overriding public interest in it being withheld
 - data protection'.
- After you publish:** A section with the text 'Information will be available to the public.' and 'You can make updates to any published payment at any time.' It includes a 'View published payments' button.

The first payment report will be due within 30 days of the end of the first quarter of 2026, i.e. by the 30th of July 2026. The supplier, contracting authority, procurement process and contract identifiers will be validated against information held in the system, which will flag any issues. You will be able to review and edit the information before publishing. The CDP will automatically link payments to the corresponding contract information published on FTS. Once published, data will be publicly available. You will be able to make edits to published payments to correct errors; however, to prevent inadvertently publishing sensitive information you should take care with what information you are including before this stage.

The spreadsheet template provides guidance on how to mark up information that has been withheld.

Once the payment information has been made public you will be able to see the contract it has been matched to.

More details will be published prior to launch on how to register and access the template.

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Payment data points and where they come from

Data point	Example	Source	Data point	Example	Source
The contracting authority identifier (Public Procurement Organisation Number - PPON) for the in-scope organisation that made the payment	PDDL-8571-LDGT	Buyer view on FTS	The type of unique identifier for the supplier to whom the payment is being made	- PPON - Companies House number etc	Supplier section of the UK7 (contract details notice) published on the CDP to which the payment relates. Supplier registration FTS also provides a PPON Lookup to facilitate finding this number
The contracting authority identifier (PPON) for the CA who ran the procurement if different from the above	PDTN-5446-NMXW	Contracting authority section of the UK7 (contract details notice) published on the CDP to which the payment relates	The unique identifier for the supplier to whom the payment is being made	PPON: PDDL-8571-LDGT Companies House: 0123456	As above
The contracting process identifier (OCID) for the contract to which the payment relates	ocds-h6vhfk-058893	UK7 (contract details notice) published on the CDP to which the payment relates	The value of the payment net of VAT	35000	Finance systems
An identifier for the contract to which the payment relates	Contract 1. Music Services E-Learning Resource You only need to record the number, i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc	Contract section of the UK7 (contract details notice) published on the CDP to which the payment relates	The date the payment was made dd/mm/yyyy	01/05/2026	Finance systems

