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Thresholds – The Public Contracts Regulations 2015

When procuring goods or services over the set financial thresholds a Contracting Authority must consider their obligations under the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015.

Health / NHS organisations are also required to comply with the Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition (No 2) Regulations 2013 when advertising for services.

The European Commission announced revised threshold limits for public procurements on 19th December 2017. The revised limits apply to all contract opportunities arising from 01 January 2018.

Contracting authorities should note that the financial thresholds have, effectively, been increased as a result of the revised limits.

A services contract will fall within the scope of the Light Touch regime if it is for the certain types of health, social and other services listed at Schedule 3 of the PCR 2015. If a service is not listed at Schedule 3 of the PCR 2015 it will be subject to the full regime rather than the Light Touch regime.

Schedule 3 can be found at

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/pdfs/ukxi_20150102_en.pdf

Contracting Authority	Supply / Service	Threshold for Advertising	Advertising Route
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS Foundation Trusts NHS England CCGs Local Authorities Academy Trusts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Contracts Supply of goods contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £181, 302 €221,000 	Publish OJEU Notice and Contract Award Notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works Contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £4,551,413 €5,548,000 	Publish OJEU Notice and Contract Award Notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Touch Regime Contracts (LTR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £615, 278 €750,000 	Publish OJEU Notice and Contract Award Notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concession (Works or Services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £4,551,413 €5,548,000 	Publish OJEU Notice and Contract Award Notice

*The above thresholds are net of VAT

In addition, all contracts in excess of £25,000 must have an advert and contract award notice published on Contracts Finder.

Relevant links

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

<https://www.mytenders.co.uk/>