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For the attention of Suppliers and  
Delivery Partners

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Dear Supplier,

### **The Dynamic Purchasing System for the Provision of Work Focused Activities**

A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) was recently trialled through a Proof of Concept (PoC) in Jobcentre Plus Central England Group to test a new way of delivering local provision. The aim being to enable the availability of a greater range of requirements and a wider choice of suppliers in particular Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

The DPS is an electronic process for setting up and maintaining a list of suppliers from whom social and other service provision can be procured locally as and when the need arises.

Operating a DPS offers a number of commercial and operational advantages for both the buyer and for the potential suppliers, compared to traditional contracting methods. The DPS will be a more effective and responsive tool, with the potential to create administrative savings and allow the buyer to respond to individual requirements more swiftly. It will simplify and reduce the time and cost involved for those suppliers on the DPS in bringing their services to market, for example by reducing the duplication of effort created by participation in multiple, separate procurement competitions.

Following the success of the PoC, DWP now plans to roll out the DPS approach on a national basis via a new IT platform. This service will replace the existing PoC, building on the lessons learned from our experience in Central England with the intention of introducing it to all DWP Groups between summer and autumn of this year.

We will be publishing a Prior Information Notice (PIN) on Contracts Finder and Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) which will contain high level information. Contracts Finder is the UK Government's online procurement service which allows Government buyers to publish details of opportunities with a value of £10,000 or more. <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search> The OJEU

website is the publication in which all tenders from the public sector which are valued above a certain financial threshold according to EU legislation must be published.

[Tenders Electronic Daily \(TED\)](#)

We will also be providing further regular information updates (prior to the actual opportunity being formally advertised on Contracts Finder and the OJEU) electronically via the DWP eProcurement portal -

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

In order to receive information and updates concerning our new DPS it is vital that you register on Bravo. This is a simple process; from the link above simply click on the Register button half way down on the right hand side of the home page.

In the unlikely event you have a problem you can contact

- the Freephone helpdesk (0800 368 4850), available Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm (UK time in English language only);
- Email [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk)

In the meantime, if you have any urgent questions about the DPS, please submit an email to the following central in-box address for a response:

[cdfs.adhocprocurement@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cdfs.adhocprocurement@dwp.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Andrews  
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