

7 October 2016

Dear ,

ATISN 10742 FOI request on Welsh Government Procurement and the National Procurement Service (NPS)

Thank you for your request which I received on 7 September. The information you requested is detailed below:

1. Copies of all information on the comparison between the All Wales Procurement Competency Framework (AWPCF) and the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supplies Skills Framework (CIPSSF) which informed the decision not to utilise the AWPCF.

The decision not to utilise the AWPCF was made at an informal meeting between the National Procurement Service (NPS) and Value Wales. Factors that contributed to the decision were customer feedback and cost. Feedback from public bodies across the Welsh public sector did not suggest that there would be sufficient adoption of the AWPCF to warrant its ongoing promotion. In addition, adoption of the standard developed by the professional body for procurement represents a more cost effective option as there are no ongoing costs to maintain and develop the competency framework.

2. The amount spent on developing the AWPCF up to the point its use was ruled out.

£13,967 had been spent on development of the AWPCF through the ESF Home Grown Talent project.

3. Details of the monitoring of the use of the CIPSSF, including the number of local authorities that use it and the number that do not.

The Welsh Government does not monitor the use of the CIPSSF by the Welsh public sector.

4. Acknowledgement of whether Welsh Government captures the procurement competency level of all Welsh Public Authorities by individual staff members encompassing individuals' skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour. If this is not available, details of how NPS monitors improvements in procurement competency levels by local authority and by individuals within the public sector.

The Welsh Government does not capture the procurement competency level of individual staff members across all Welsh public authorities. Procurement capability is assessed at organisational level through the Procurement Fitness Check programme. PFC reports for individual organisations may be accessed at the link below:

<http://prp.gov.wales/toolkit/?lang=en>

5. The number of cases of "bullying" reported within NPS in 2016, including a breakdown of the number of cases reported by senior levels of management.

There has been one reported case in NPS under our 'Dignity at Work' policy, which covers bullying and harassment, in the past 12 months. This did not involve a member of the senior management.'

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Yours sincerely