

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_76_19

You asked:

I am conducting research into the NHS adoption of PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement On Line) am making a request under the FOI Act with regards to the following questions.

1. Does your trust use PEPPOL as the messaging standard for key documents (purchase orders, advance shipping notes, invoices) to be exchanged between the trust and suppliers? **Please see below for a PEPPOL definition*
 - a. If yes, please provide the name of the PEPPOL access point provider (i.e. GHX, Pagero, EDICOM, Tradeshift etc) **Please see below for a definition of a PEPPOL access point provider*
 - b. What was the **annual cost of their services** in 17/18?
 - c. Contract Start Date
 - d. Contract End Date
 - e. Did the organisation use a framework to procure this service? If so, please provide the framework name
 - f. Please provide the **name and job title** of the individual who signed the contract
 - g. Following the purchase of your PEPPOL Access Point Supplier, has the organisation seen any **quantifiable benefits**, if so, please provide detail of these benefits (*i.e. reduction of hours spent on manual checks, % of tasks process automation, reduction in errors*)

2. Does the PEPPOL access point provider integrate with any other non-NHS systems to provide services, supported by and compliant with PEPPOL? (*i.e. to provide Process Orders (PO's), Stock Items, Auditing, Fraud Protection etc.*)
 - a. If yes, please provide the name of the non-NHS provider **and** the type of service provided:

PEPPOL provides a set of technical specifications that can be implemented in existing eProcurement solutions and eBusiness exchange services to make them interoperable between disparate systems across Europe. PEPPOL enables trading partners to exchange standards-based electronic documents over the PEPPOL network (based on a 4-corner model). These documents include e-Orders, e-Advance Shipping Notes, eInvoices, eCatalogues, Message Level Responses, etc.

PEPPOL ACCESS POINTS are the meeting point for message transmissions between suppliers and the public sector. All invoices and orders will be processed through the access points providers.

Our response:

At present we do not use PEPPOL. It is however something that we are likely to consider as part of our future e-trading strategy.

If you require further information, you will need to direct your request to [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#) (NWSSP) whom provides NHS procurement services on an All Wales basis.

They can be contacted at the following address:
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