

**Response date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### You asked Money and Pensions Service the following

1. When the procurement process for data processing of job applicant's personal data was last reviewed and agreed at an executive level?
2. Whilst not asking for particulars, how many companies (i.e. recruitment agencies, recruitment service providers, or employment agencies) were party to (or involved in) the last procurement review? {Numbers, not entity names ...}
3. What were the procurement criteria for selection for the final approved party (which appears to have been Reed Group PLC)?
4. When is the next procurement process review pencilled-in for?
5. How many job applicants have applied for roles with MAPS in the last 24 (twenty-four) months, through the available portal?

### Money and Pensions Service Response

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We confirm that we hold the information. The information we can provide is as follows:

1. The procurement process for MaPS suppliers involves a Data Protection Impact Assessment as well as Data Protection questions within the tender process. The procurement business case for MaPS recruitment partner was approved by MaPS Executive Team and Board in 2023, with the contract commencing in 2024.
2. There were eight total bids during the last retender.
3. Please see the attachment entitled MaPS\_ITT\_Specification\_Recruitment, which lists the criteria as published as part of the tender process.
4. The Contract was awarded on a 2 year plus 2 year basis. Expectation is that contract retender will commence Q2 2027 with appointment in early Q3/27 and new supplier from Jan 2028.
5. We had c. 150 successful applicants to our roles from Jan 24 to Mar 25 and c.12k applicants to all of the vacancies for the same period.