



Ministry  
of Justice

# Dynamic Purchasing System

Supplier Webinar

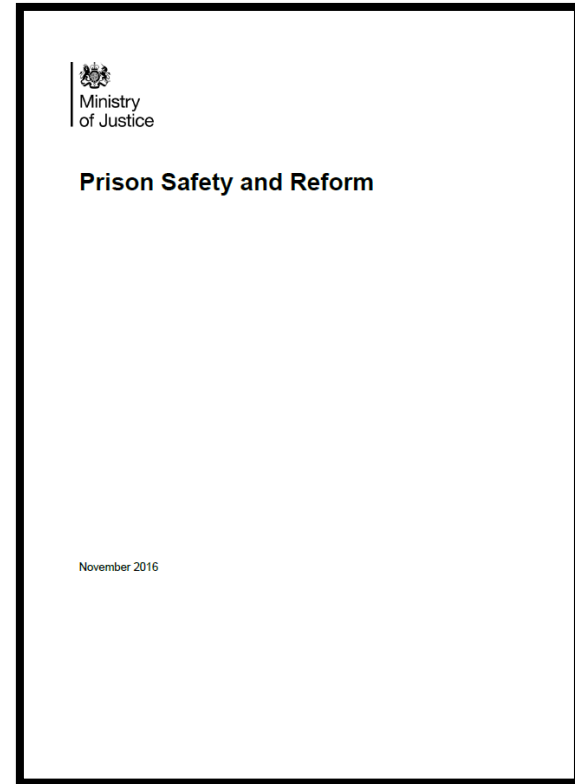
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## Context

From April 2019, the majority of education requirements will be commissioned through the new Prison Education Framework, which will provide the core education provision to each establishment.

This will be supplemented by a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) which will enable governors to run their own mini-competitions to procure specialist or one-off education services for their Establishment.



*“Change will be led by governors by putting them at the centre and giving them greater control to innovate and make the right changes for prisoners to reform.”*

## What is the DPS?

The DPS is a digital framework agreement which will provide a more flexible way for governors to purchase education services, separate to the Prison Education Framework (PEF).

Unlike the framework, the DPS will be a completely electronic process which an unlimited number of suppliers can join at any point, enabling governors to access smaller providers and 3rd sector organisations to deliver bespoke courses that meet the needs of their offender population.

The DPS is intended to compliment the core common curriculum services commissioned from the PEF, and the restrictions of the DPS mean that it does not provide governors with the ability to replicate those services intended to be delivered through the PEF.



## Benefits of the DPS for suppliers

### Simple

- Only a small number of Selection Questions
- Easy to get on the DPS
- Easy to understand process to win contracts
- Small template to bid for call-offs

### Fair

- Governors will have to fairly evaluate each individual call-off
- Designed to encourage as many suppliers to join as possible, maximizing competition

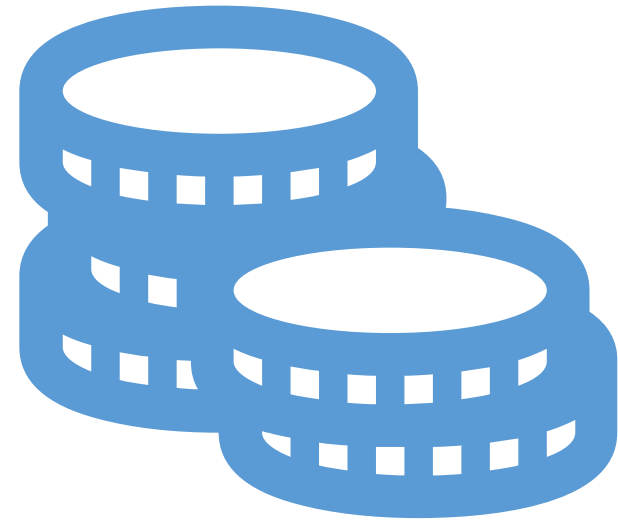
### Regular

- Will consist of multiple, small value opportunities
- This enables the DPS to be accessible to 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and local suppliers
- Opportunities can appear throughout the year rather than a specific points

## *Size of the opportunity*

The current budget for prison education is approximately **£130m per annum**. Going forward, this will be distributed to governors via a funding formula and whilst there will be a minimum amount that will go through the PEF (to cover required core common curriculum services), the rest is up for the governors to decide how to spend it.

This means that the values that are put through the DPS depend on how governors choose to allocate their budget. We want to encourage as many suppliers to join the DPS as possible as that will give more opportunities for governors and therefore increase the likelihood that governors choose to procure through the DPS.



# Interactions

Once you are on the DPS, your main contact will be the prison.

With specialist commercial resource support, prisons will be responsible for running the call off process, managing the contract and agreeing price.

- Liaise on contract signing
- Specialist commercial support
- Approvals

Prison

- Making connections and engaging suppliers
- Call off process and mini-competitions
- Contract management of the delivery of the contract

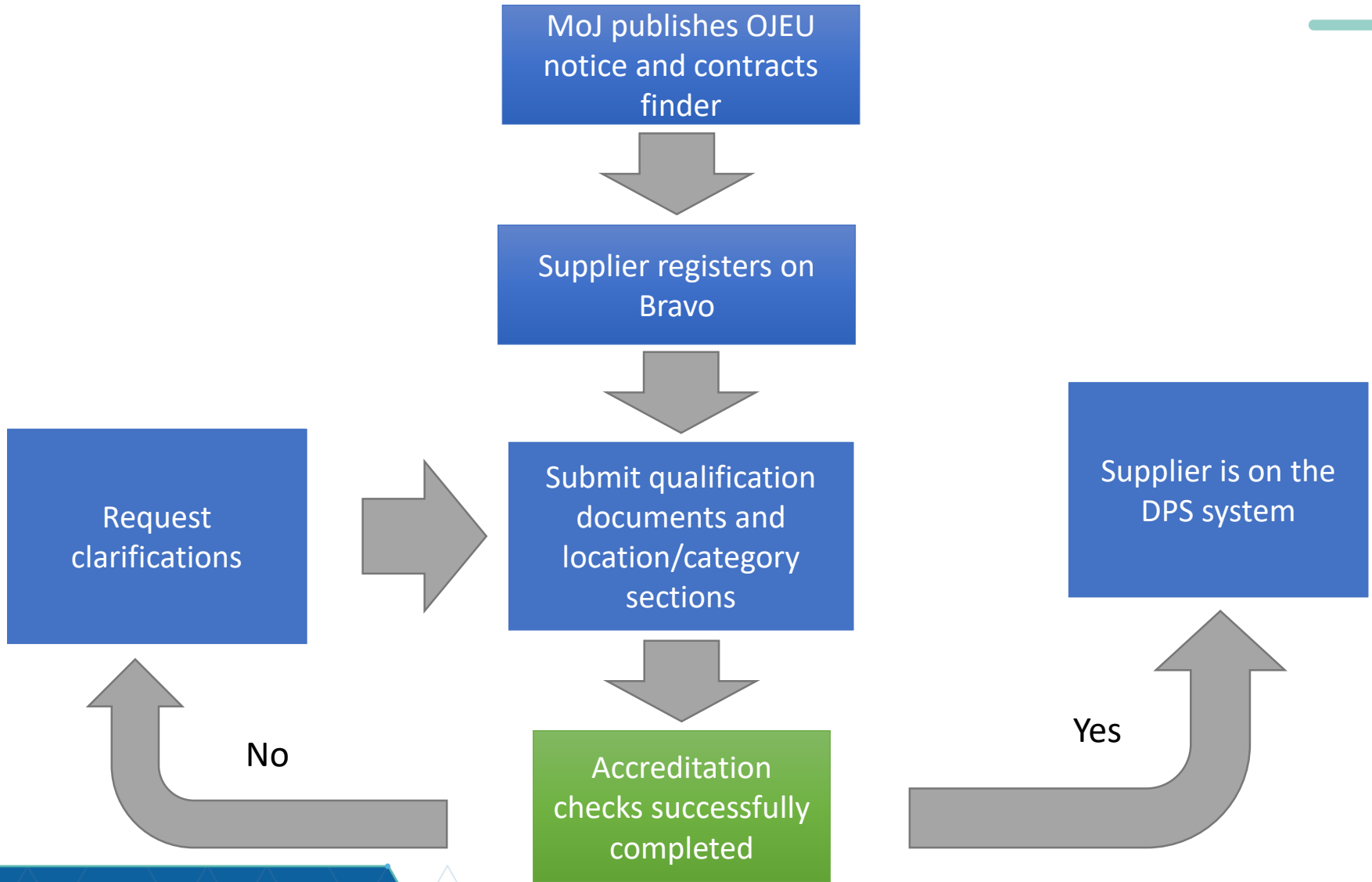
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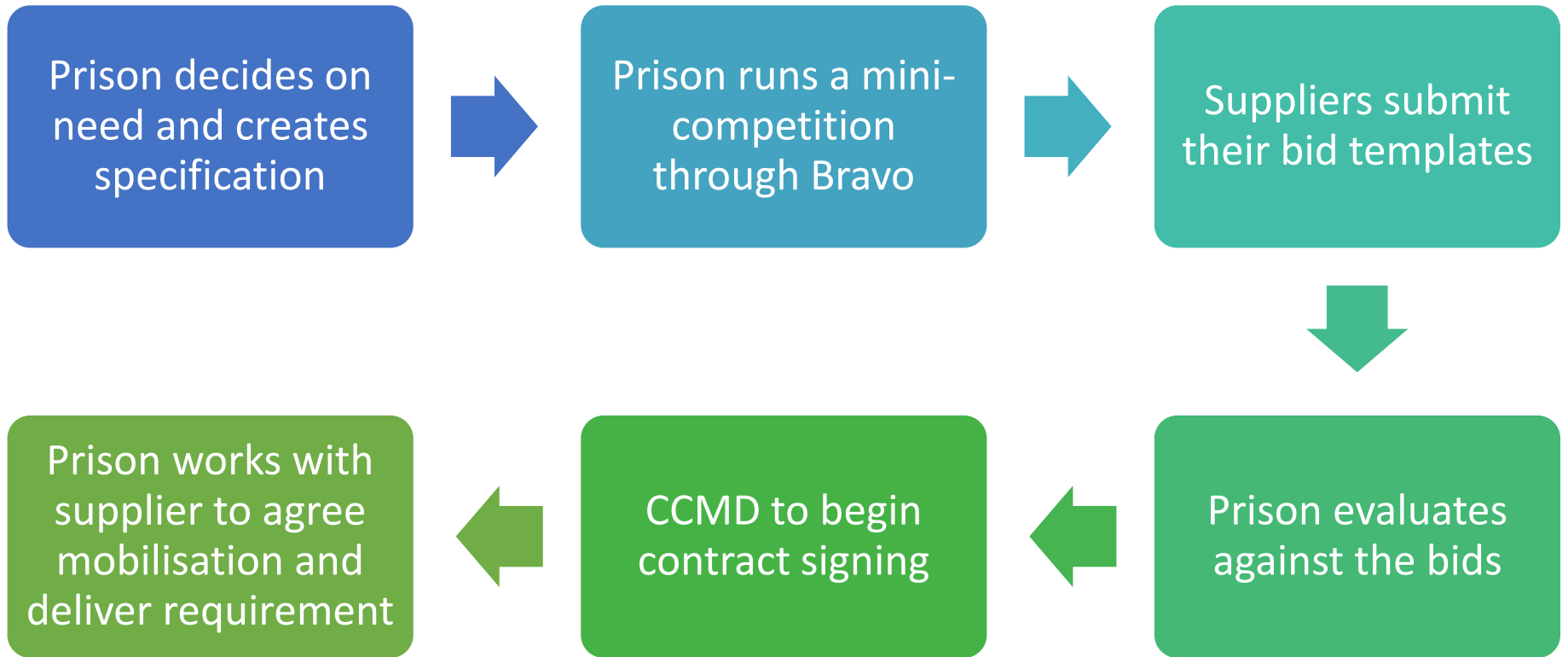
- Getting on and off the DPS framework
- Signing contracts
- Resolving significant contract disputes

# Working with MoJ to get on the DPS



## How the DPS is likely to work for a governor

The below is a simplified version of the process for procuring through the DPS. We are still working through the detail:





## Examples of provision we hope to have on the DPS



Subjects covered by the Common Awarding Body provision such as **catering and hospitality, construction, planning and the built environment & cleaning and facilities management**



Technical and academic provision such as **engineering and manufacturing technologies, motor vehicle trades, retail and commercial enterprise & agriculture**



Other education and training services such as **peer mentoring, problem solving & critical thinking, financial literacy & CV training**



**Information, Advice and Guidance** services

Our timeline for the development of the DPS is outlined below.

It's worth noting that most delivery will start in April 2019, with the exception of IAG delivery, which will start as soon as possible after the first mini-competition has been won.

### Outline DPS Timetable

<b>ERSA Event</b>	March 2018
<b>Further market engagement</b>	Now – July 2018
<b>OJEU Notice</b>	August 2018
<b>Local competitions start</b>	September 2018 onwards
<b>PEF delivery starts</b>	April 2019 onwards