

STEERING THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES ACROSS THE HEALTH SERVICE

The HSE Corporate Procurement Plan 2022-2024 sets out the key priorities to improve and enhance procurement activities within the health service.

The Corporate Procurement Plan is underpinned by analysis of procurement expenditure and supporting organisational structures. It is fully aligned with the overall HSE Corporate Plan 2021-2024 and will support the achievement of the organisational objectives and the National Service Plan.

The HSE is committed to achieving the priorities identified in this Plan and driving demonstrable procurement service improvements. Procurement will work with the OGP, the Department of Health and other public health providers to ensure a coordinated and integrated approach to implementing this Plan.

Procurement in the HSE

To support the delivery of health and social care services, the HSE, as the largest purchaser in the state, spends approximately €3.7bn on goods and services annually.

This ranges from items such as medicines, personal protective

Procurement Objectives



Support service delivery across the health sector

Provide continuity of supply; ensuring availability of appropriate quality goods and services where needed, when needed



Maintain effective governance and compliance

Ensure the HSE and all staff members comply with procurement Directives, Legislation, Circulars and other legal requirements



Achieve greater value for money to support reinvestment into patient care and service delivery

Ensure that purchasing is carried out in a coordinated and strategic manner that maximises opportunities for savings and improved compliance



Facilitate environmental, societal and economic objectives through procurement

Encourage and stimulate opportunities for green procurement, innovation, social inclusion and participation by SME and micro enterprise in the procurement process

equipment and medical equipment through to ICT systems. In addition, the HSE's Capital Works Programme spends circa €1bn annually on healthcare-related construction activities that are subject to public procurement rules.

The HSE delivers services in a highly regulated environment with the emphasis on delivering effective and safe patient care. HSE procurement activities also take place within a regulated environment underpinned by complex EU and national legislation.

Cross-functional teams analyse markets, define products, agree specifications of requirements and evaluate tender responses.

The HSE is supported in transforming how services are delivered through continued

strong engagement with current and prospective suppliers.

Stephen Mulvany, CEO, said, "Public investment in healthcare services focuses on delivering core services and supporting the resilience and preparedness of the health service to respond to urgent requirements. It also supports initiatives to advance health service transformation in line with agreed Sláintecare priorities. It is critical that procurement spend on goods, services and works is carried out in a transparent and efficient manner."

The Corporate Procurement Plan 2022-2024 will steer the procurement of goods and services across the health service and is accessible on hse.ie