

Regulatory Compliance monitoring

report

Quarter 1 2016-17 KPMG LLP Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) is an independent company limited by guarantee incorporated by the Local Government Association in August 2014.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government delegated statutory functions (from the Audit Commission Act 1998) to PSAA by way of a letter of delegation issued under powers contained in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The company is responsible for appointing auditors to local government, police and local NHS bodies, for setting audit fees and for making arrangements for the certification of housing benefit subsidy claims.

Before 1 April 2015, these responsibilities were discharged by the Audit Commission.

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Monitoring of regime requirements

1 This report summarises the performance of the firm against key quarterly performance indicators. The all firm comparison is also provided.

Activity	Target	All Suppliers % (no.)	KPMG % (no.)	Firm Comments
Issue of planning (fee) letters.	100% by 29 April 2016. Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	100%	100% (0)	
Issue of NHS audit opinions.	100% by 27 May 2016 (CCG) and 2 June 2016 (NHS Trusts). Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	100% (0)	100% (0)	
Issue of NHS VFM conclusions.	100% by 27 May 2016 (CCG) and 2 June 2016 (NHS Trusts). Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	100% (0)	100% (0)	
Complaints upheld against auditors.	There are no complaints upheld against auditors. Green 0 Upheld Amber 1 upheld Red 2 or more upheld	0	0	
Non-compliance with requirements on independence issues.	There are no instances of non- compliance. Firms: Green 1 case Amber 2 cases Red 3 or more cases Regime: Green Up to 5 cases Amber 6 or 7 cases Red 8 or more cases	0	0	
Consideration of objections	All objections decided upon within 9 months. Firms: Green 1 case Amber 2 cases Red 3 or more cases Regime: Green Up to 5 cases Amber 6 or 7 cases Red 8 or more cases	4	З	These are all very complex objections and we continue to progress them as efficiently as possible

Other issues identified in the quarter

Fee variations

2 During Quarter 1, PSAA received requests for variations to 2014-15 and 2015-16 scale fees, totalling £66,758 as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Fee variation requests

	Total net value of fee variation requests made (£)	% of variation against scale fee requested	Total net value of fee variation requests approved (£)	% of variation against scale fee approved
2014-15	87,273	0.45	50,831	0.26
2015-16	46,642	0.28	13,598	0.08

3 Fee variations totalling £33,044 have been rejected.

Non-audit services

4 One request made to PSAA for non-audit services above the de minimis threshold, set out in the Terms of appointment, was approved during Quarter 1.

Table 2: Non-audit service requests

Body	Nature of work	Comments
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS	Quality accounts	Approved
Trust		