

Regulatory Compliance monitoring

report

Quarter 3 2016-17 BDO 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 a number of statutory functions (from the Audit Commission Act 1998) to PSAA on a transitional basis by way of a letter of delegation issued under powers contained in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

As a consequence of these delegations, for 2017/18 the company will continue to be responsible under transitional arrangements for appointing auditors to local government and police bodies, for setting audit fees and for making arrangements for certification of housing benefit subsidy claims.

Looking beyond 2017/18, the Secretary of State has specified PSAA as an appointing person for principal local government bodies from 2018/19, under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015.

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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.

		All O	550	
		All Suppliers %	BDO %	Firm
Activity	Target	(no.)	(no.)	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	100%	100%	
	missed Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	(0)	(0)	
Issue of NHS audit	100% by 27 May 2016 (CCG) and 2 June			
opinions.	2016 (NHS Trusts).	100%	100%	
	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	(0)	(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	100% (0)	100% (0)	
	Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed			
Issue of local government audit	100% by 30 September 2016.			
opinions.	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	97% (16)	86% (3)	These opinions were delayed due to circumstances beyond the firm's control.
Issue of local	100% by 30 September 2016.			
government audit VFM conclusions.	Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed	97%	86%	These VFM arrangements opinions were delayed
	Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	(17)	(3)	due to circumstances beyond the firm's control.
Issue of WGA reports.	100% by 21 October 2016.			
	Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed	97% (16)	91% (2)	These were issued after the target date as a result of the delays in issuing the financial statements opinion.
	Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed			opinion.
Confirmation of final NHS fee to audited	100% by 31 July 2016			
bodies	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 annual	100% by 31 July 2016			
audit letters.	Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed	99%	100%	
	Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed	(2)	(0)	
Confirmation of final local government fee to	100% by 30 October 2016			
audited bodies	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 local	100% by 30 October 2016			
government annual audit letters.	Green>95.01% delivered or only 1 missed Amber 90.01% to 95% delivered or only 2 missed	97% (18)	91% (2)	These were issued after the target date as a result of the delays in issuing the financial statements
	Red<90% delivered of 3 or more missed			opinion.

Source: PSAA

Activity Audited body database information.	Target Accurate database information provided to PSAA.	All Suppliers % (no.)	BDO % (no.)	Firm Comments
nnormation.	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	99% (11)	100% (0)	
Complaints upheld against auditors.	Complaints upheld against auditors. Green 0 Upheld Amber 1 upheld Red 2 or more upheld	1	0	
Non-compliance with requirements on independence issues.	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	1	0	
Attendance at Contact Partner Meetings	Attendance of Contact Partner at all meetings. 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	3	0	

Other issues identified in the quarter

Fee variations

2 During quarter three, PSAA received no requests for variations to 2015/16 scale fees

Non-audit services

3 During quarter three, no requests were made to PSAA for approval of non-audit services above the de minimis thresholds set out in the Terms of Appointment.