


Public matters - October 2019

This month includes government outsourcing, amending contracts, land registration 2025 target for public sector, inquests, and public procurement with SMEs, Brexit and the mafia.

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Welcome to our Public Matters Newsletter.

This month we have:

Government outsourcing: its successes, failures and its future

The Institute for Government has released a report about government outsourcing which has assessed the successes and failures of outsourcing in various sectors. Tara Cole looks at the key points and future steps.

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Amending a contract? Have you lost your right to terminate?

The recent case of NHS Commissioning Board v Vasant (t/a MK Vasant and Associates) demonstrates the difficulties that an organisation can face when trying to amend their contracts. Chloe Poskitt identifies the practical considerations for public bodies.

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Comprehensive land registration: 2025 target set for the public sector

A significant part of the Land Registry's strategy to secure full registration of all freehold land in England and Wales by 2030 is to focus on all unregistered land owned by local authorities and other public bodies. Ayesha Khaliq outlines the key points for public bodies.

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Public procurement with SMEs and the mafia

Anja Beriro reviews the case of Vitali SpA in *Vitali SpA v Autostrade per l'Italia SpA* (C-63/18) EU:C:2019:787, which highlights the importance of adapting public procurement to the needs of SMEs and to be mindful of the mafia!

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Failure to cooperate with an inquest

The recent case involving Duncan Lawrence a clinical lead at Lancaster Lodge, a therapeutic community in South West London, highlights the importance of engaging with coroners and preparing well for any inquest. Rebecca Hawes takes summaries the key issues.

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How public bodies should make fair decisions during Brexit and beyond

As we continue through some turbulent political waters, many public bodies seek advice and support on ensuring the decisions they make comply with the expectations of the law.

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Data protection: preparing for Brexit

Although there is uncertainty about what arrangements will apply when the UK leaves the EU, there are a number of practical steps that can be taken now to prepare from a data protection perspective and to ensure that any data flows to and from the EU can continue post Brexit.

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