

# **News story: Civil news: notification letters for HPCDS tender bids**

We have started to notify organisations of the outcome of their tenders to deliver work under the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS).

This follows:

- the passing of the deadline for tenders for HPCDS contracts on 11 December 2017
- notifications sent to bidders in January 2018 telling them whether they had been shortlisted for HPCDS contracts

This is earlier than we stated in the Information For Applicants. However, we did say that if we could conclude the assessment earlier then we would notify applicants as soon as possible. This was set out in our tender update of 28 February 2018.

## **How will these notifications be made?**

We will use the e-Tendering system from 3 May 2018 to start notifying organisations shortlisted for the next stage of the tender process back in January.

There are four scheme areas where the assessment process is ongoing and we will not be notifying the outcomes at this time. Applicants in the affected areas have been contacted to confirm this and will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

With the exception of these scheme areas, we expect notification to have been completed by Tuesday 8 May 2018. Applicants who have bid for HPCDS contracts and have not been notified by Wednesday 9 May should contact us through the e-Tendering message board.

## **When will services begin?**

Services under new HPCDS contracts will begin on 1 October 2018.

## **How long will the contracts last?**

Each contract will initially run until 30 September 2021, with an option for the LAA to extend for up to a further 2 years.

## **What will happen next?**

Following notifications, the LAA will work with successful organisations to

complete the verification process described in the letter of notification through the Bravo system.

However, organisations are reminded that contract awards are conditional on satisfactory bid verifications. Each applicant is responsible for providing all the necessary evidence they meet the verification requirements as out in the notification letter.

### **Further information**

[Civil 2018 contracts tender](#) – to find out more about the tender process