

Scrutiny Review of Procurement & Tendering Processes

SBC Procurement

Exceptions – follow up

Area for Exception (2025/26 and 2026/27)	Number of contracts	Sum of Overall Value
Works	32	£2,781,430.00
Services	45	£12,802,037.00
Vehicles	12	£1,158,849.00
ICT	13	£567,942.00

Exceptions – follow up – controls

Services

Best Interest Assessors to carry out Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments £788k and Mental Health Assessors to carry out Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments £735k

- Based on a regionally agreed hourly rate

Enhanced Stockton Recovery Services £8,110,846

- Open book based on previously tendered costs uplifted by inflation
- Cost monitoring and partnership approach to ensure value for money

Exceptions – follow up – controls

Works

Open book accounting:

- Monitoring hourly rates, hours taken,
- Monitoring sub-contract/ supply procurement and costs
- Bills of quantity, material costs and compared to other tenders, cost benchmarks
- Preliminary costs comparisons

Vehicles

- Use of informal quotes/ knowledge of the market via Transport Manager
- Access to second hand vehicles when appropriate

Exceptions – follow up – controls

ICT

Cost of change significant

- Benchmarking pricing to original contract
- Licence reviews
- Inflationary uplift management
- Price negotiation