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Subject: FW: Systemic Failure
Attachments: pgn-02-12-sme-guide.pdf
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Fiona

Please see for information a further email from
Des

Please see attached for information as CPD is mentioned. I am not sure if you are aware of dispute with DHSSPS.

Thanks

Brian

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Greg,

Whilst you are awaiting a reply from Julie Thompson you may care to read the attached Procurement Guidance Note particularly sections 11 & 12. The following extract sets the scene....

"CPD is responsible for disseminating advice and guidance to the NI public sector on public procurement policies and for monitoring implementation. Procurement Guidance Notes are also published on CPD's website. The following Procurement Guidance Note was endorsed by the Procurement Board and issued with effect from 17 February 2012 for use by those bodies covered by Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy."

Here is a link to the website:

http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/index/procurement-2/cpd/cpd_publications/content_-_cpd_-_policy_-_procurement_guidance_notes.htm

This guidance was fully approved by the CPD Board before being issued 40 days ago on 17 February 2012.

Dr Andrew McCormick Permanent Secretary DHSSPS is of course a member of the CPD Board

<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/index/procurement-2/cpd/cpd-policy-and-legislation/cpd-procurement-board-roles-responsibilities/pb-members-march-2012.pdf>

Shouldn't be too difficult for Julie Thompson as Assistant Secretary at DHSSPS to work that Departmental intervention is required to progress this matter. It is also worth bearing in mind my most recent letter to Julie Thompson dated 16 March 2012 was sent 28 days after the Procurement Guidance Note was issued. The letter of 16 March was of course copied to the office of the Minister for Finance and Personnel who is also a member of the Procurement Board. I would hope that by now the Minister has at least been made aware of the letter!!!

That being said in a matter that has been allowed to drag on there is still no sign of an appreciation of Denis Healey's First Law of Holes: *if you are in one, stop digging*. It certainly looks as if many of the players directly involved in this saga and many who have been dragged into it due to the failure of others have perhaps still to appreciate the wisdom of Denis Healey's words.

Regards

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