

Public matters - October 2023

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Should problem-solving housing courts be piloted?

An all-party parliamentary group has recommended introducing a 'problem-solving housing court' that could help deal with anti-social behaviour proceedings.

A new 'problem solving court' for female offenders is being introduced in Birmingham. This Court has the ability to refer offenders into support services to treat issues that could be fuelling offending e.g. drink or drug addictions, or domestic abuse.

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Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete ('RAAC') implications for schools

As of today, the Department of Education published a list of 156 schools and colleges where the presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete ("RAAC") was confirmed.

School leaders will be keen to know whether this issue affects their settings, and what to do if it does.

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Personal injury discount rate in England and Wales

On 17 January 2023 the Government published a Call for Evidence relating to the personal injury discount rate (PIDR) in order to explore the pros and cons of adopting a dual/multiple PIDR.

At the time of the last PIDR review in 2019, the Government Actuary prepared an analysis to inform the rate-setting decision.

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Procurement Act 2023

Getting Ready for Reform

The public procurement law landscape is changing and the transformation could be a significant shift for public sector bodies and suppliers. Yesterday the Procurement Bill received Royal Assent, so the countdown to implementation has now begun.

To assist with the transition Browne Jacobson have officially launched our Ready for Reform campaign. Join us as we help you navigate through the upcoming changes to the public procurement regime.

[Find out more](#) →

Procurement Act 2023: Getting Ready for Reform - the countdown is on!

On the 11 September the Procurement Bill returned to the Lords to consider the Commons amendments and we will be issuing a full briefing on this development shortly. This means that Royal Assent is likely to follow shortly, and the countdown will begin for the implementation of new rules.

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Procurement Bill - Are they still playing ping-pong?

The aim of this briefing is to provide you with an update on the progress of the Procurement Bill and how it is progressing through the final stages of the Parliamentary process.

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