

ELECTRONIC TRADING IN THE NHS

Looking for a trusted partner to help your organisation meet the NHS eProcurement deadlines and achieve substantial efficiencies and cost savings?

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MESSAGING STANDARDS TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE NHS

In April 2014 the UK Department of Health published its eProcurement strategy for the NHS. A key element of the strategy was to mandate the use of the global GS1 coding and PEPPOL messaging standards by 2018, throughout the healthcare sector and its supporting supply chains.

During 2016, trials of the use of the GS1 and PEPPOL standards at a range of NHS Trusts up and down the country have resulted in significant efficiencies and cost savings, reduced errors and improved patient outcomes and patient safety. These trials are to be expanded to a wider group of Trusts and their supply chains during 2017. When the strategy is rolled out across the NHS it is predicted to save billions of pounds, to be re-directed into frontline healthcare services.

THE DEADLINES

The NHS eProcurement strategy provides a timeline for all NHS bodies to move to electronic trading using PEPPOL standards. By March 31st 2018, all suppliers must be ready to receive orders from NHS access points, and by September 30th 2018, all parties must be ready to manage all their ordering and invoicing using PEPPOL standards.

Of course these are final deadlines and there is preparatory work required to become fully enabled, so many Trusts and their suppliers are already making plans. And the sooner organisations begin using the standards, the sooner the savings and efficiencies will be realised.

WHAT IS PEPPOL?

PEPPOL - Pan-European Public Procurement Online - defines technology standards and infrastructure that enable governments, public sector organisations and businesses to communicate electronically in the procurement process, increasing efficiencies and reducing costs. Documents are exchanged between access points in the PEPPOL infrastructure, with each trading partner listed in a common directory.

KEY FEATURES:

- A team of specialists look after the day-to-day running of your EDI service
- A 24*7 service desk with experts monitoring the delivery and processing of your messages and managing any issues
- No hardware or software is required in your environment
- We have a proven track record of onboarding both customers and suppliers, removing risk from the process
- Completely transparent pricing, with no hidden or variable costs



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WHY TRUECOMMERCE?

In a rigorous selection process TrueCommerce achieved PEPPOL Access Point Certification and has been awarded a coveted place on the UK Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework Agreement for PEPPOL Access Point Services.

TrueCommerce has been a leading provider of electronic trading solutions for more than 30 years and we have extensive knowledge and experience of delivering PEPPOL services to the healthcare sector in Denmark, working from our office in Copenhagen.

TrueCommerce's place on the PEPPOL Access Point Services Framework Agreement means that NHS Trusts in the UK - and their supply chains - can have complete confidence in TrueCommerce's electronic trading, managed service solution. We have the technology, systems and expertise to electronically transfer business-critical documents, such as orders and invoices, between NHS Trusts and their suppliers through an ultra-secure, accredited and compliant solution.

OUR MANAGED SERVICE SOLUTION

TrueCommerce EDI is a comprehensive EDI managed service that delivers game-changing benefits for organisations at every stage of development and maturity.

We have a forensic understanding of the electronic trading environment. We understand the challenges facing suppliers wishing to trade electronically with their customers — and the hurdles confronting large organisations trying to bring all of their suppliers onto a single, secure EDI platform, integrated with back office systems.

At the core of our EDI platform is our market-leading, cloud-based EDI technology. This is applied in a simple but robust solution and delivered as a fully managed service that enables the huge efficiency and cost-saving benefits of EDI to be enjoyed by all organisations, regardless of size or technical capabilities.

For further, background information take a look at our Managed Service and What is EDI? data sheets.

ABOUT TRUECOMMERCE

TrueCommerce gives organisations the competitive edge with a flexible and cost effective solution that harnesses the scale of our global commerce network underpinned by our best of breed managed service, delivered by locally based service consultants. With TrueCommerce, organisations of any size can easily connect with any trading partner while enjoying the peace of mind of a proven platform that reliably handles tens of millions of transactions annually.

Connect. Integrate. Accelerate.

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