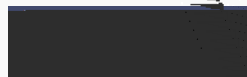


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National Register of
 Public Service Interpreters



Due to its size, its many stakeholders, and its continuous, organic evolution, the UK's public sector interpreting and translation landscape is fragmented across the four UK nations, Government departments and different public services, which complicates understanding of procurement and fulfilment processes, and consequently creates challenges around implementing and monitoring best practice at all levels.

Procurement at the top level of commissioning organisations is largely transparent, but the levels through which procurement takes place –

Over the last three years, the number of candidates achieving Level 6 Public Service Interpreting (PSI) qualifications has fallen significantly.

In 2021 across all qualification providers, we estimate around 350 candidates were awarded a L6 PSI qualification; in 2022 those numbers halved. On the current trajectory, qualification providers report that the number of people achieving a full L6 PSI qualification in 2023 could fall below 100.

With such a notable drop in numbers of Level 6 qualified PSIs coming through the system, a supply problem seems inevitable. If qualification candidate numbers

An on-going challenge across the whole of the language services ecosystem in the UK is the continued pressure on prices.

[The 2023 ATC UK Language Services Industry Survey and Report](#) reveals that 73% of language service companies in the UK experienced price pressures from clients in 2022. 27% reported that economic challenges and restructuring of the business relating to changing market conditions were the most important changes in the company in 2022. Price pressures remain the highest in the public sector, with only 30% of companies reported being in a position to raise prices for interpreting, compared to 41% for translation –

Collaboration between language services stakeholders in building transparent pathways into interpreter and translator professions promotes entry of new professionals into the interpreting and translation professions and supports career progression within the professions.

Supporting small businesses' access to public sector work through dedicated, tiered routes ensures a diversified, local and regional service provision, which in turn fosters a more diverse local base of professional interpreters and translators.