

# spotlight£spend

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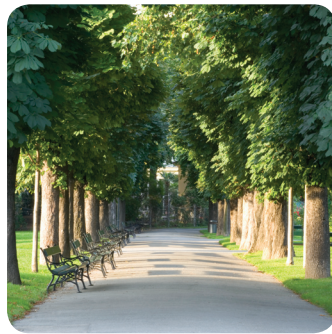
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# LETTING LIGHT INTO THE CORRIDORS OF POWER

“We are pulling back the curtains to let light into the corridors of power. By being open and accountable we can start to win back people’s trust. Openness will not be comfortable for us in government; but it will enable the public to hold our feet to the fire. This way lies better government. Transparency is key to our efficiency drive, and will enable the public to help us to deliver better value for money in public spending.”

**Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office**



What this means in practice continues to evolve as open data standards are defined and detailed guidance is published. What is already clear is that the policy has cost, complexity and risk implications at a time when the public sector’s priority is addressing the maintenance of front-line services in the light of significant budget cuts.

“I’m really excited about the opportunities of transparency and it’s something this government is utterly committed to. spotlightspend demonstrates that, when innovative businesses work with far-sighted public bodies, we can inform the public, reduce costs and improve democracy both locally and nationally.”

**Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**

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## CUT COSTS, ELIMINATE COMPLEXITY AND REDUCE RISK

spotlightonspend is a managed service that is comprised of everything necessary to cost-effectively facilitate publication of the spend and related information you elect to make available to the general public.

spotlightonspend is designed to:

- Cut costs by removing the need to add to the workload of your current staff or increase headcount.
- Eliminate the complexity of becoming and staying compliant with policy.
- Reduce the risk of inadvertent breach of the Data Protection Legislation.
- Enhance the information you publish to improve its accessibility, relevance and value for the intended audience – the general public.

**Online Access** – we manage publication of your data to an intuitive and easy to use web application that is hosted by us but accessed by the general public through your own organisation's web site.

**Data Transformation** – we cleanse, redact, classify and enrich your raw financial data before you make your spend and related information accessible.

**Data Management** – we manage annual, quarterly or monthly updates and ensure your raw financial data is published to [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk) in machine readable form.

**Policy Compliance** – we monitor policy and adapt as needed to ensure that you remain compliant with published guidelines.

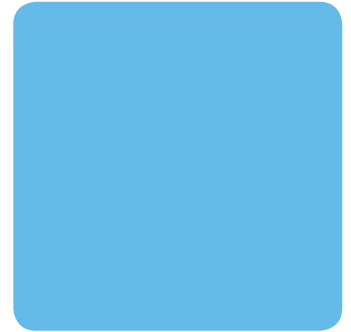


## INTUITIVE AND EASY TO USE

spotlightonspend includes an innovative online platform that has been designed to radically improve the accessibility, relevance and value of the spend and related data that you elect to make available to the general public.

## MAKING COMPLEX FINANCIAL INFORMATION STRAIGHTFORWARD

Designed with the public in mind, spotlightonspend makes complex financial information straight forward for everyone to access and interpret. Standardised metrics make comparison possible between public bodies of differing sizes provided they are of the same type. Should you wish to provide background information to aid interpretation and understanding we provide a mechanism for you to publish a supporting narrative.



## HOW MUCH IS SPENT AND WITH WHOM

It is quick and easy to discover who supplies you by category and how much you spend with them relative to other suppliers in the same category.

## ACCESSED THROUGH YOUR OWN WEBSITE

spotlightsonspend is hosted by us but accessed by the public through your own organisation's web site. Integration is straightforward – we supply your web master with a line of HTML that auto-generates the link through which the public can access your data.

## MACHINE READABLE 'RAW DATA' DOWNLOAD

spotlightsonspend enables download of the transactions above £500 in value (£25,000 in central government) before data transformation has been undertaken by us, other than;

- Identification and redaction of payments made to individuals.
- Standardisation of the file format (including column headings and positions).

The raw download files are policy compliant and machine readable. We take care of publishing your download file and updates to [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk).