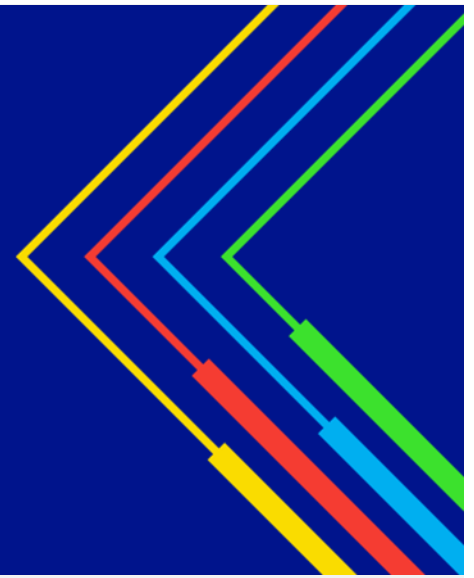


Systems Management Principles Statement (SMPS) Audit Report 2019/20 Publication Explanation



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The SMPS Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2020 should have been completed and published by as soon as practicable after 31 March 2020. The Report is now ready for publication. The delay in publication was due to the following reasons:

- i. The impact of COVID19 on enabling access to information within a control room environment which is commercially sensitive. Access to this facility became challenging, with tight restrictions based upon the COVID19 guidelines;
- ii. Changes to the audit approach and data collection were required as a result of implementing the Electronic Data Submission System (EDSS);

Whilst there has been a time delay, PWC have confirmed that none of these factors have impacted the quality of the audit work undertaken.

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