



**PEPPOL**

## **PEPPOL is used for the transfer of business documents between NHS Trusts and their Suppliers**

PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement On-Line) is a system that aims to remove barriers to trading between systems and networks and across borders by unifying messaging standards and by imposing commercial constraints. The idea is to allow users to extend existing eCommerce systems and prevent customers from being locked into a particular provider. The PEPPOL framework prohibits inter-network 'roaming' charges so customers pay once for access to the entire PEPPOL network via their selected "Access Point".

### **How does it impact me?**

The Department of Health (DH) is promoting the adoption of PEPPOL standards for electronic trading between NHS providers in England and their Suppliers. DH guidance requires NHS providers in England to select a PEPPOL Access Point provider by 30 September, 2016 and to begin transacting invoices with medical and in vitro diagnostic device (MDD/IVD) Suppliers by April 2017. There are no published timescales for non-MDD/IVD categories however it is expected that adoption will continue in the period 2017-2020.

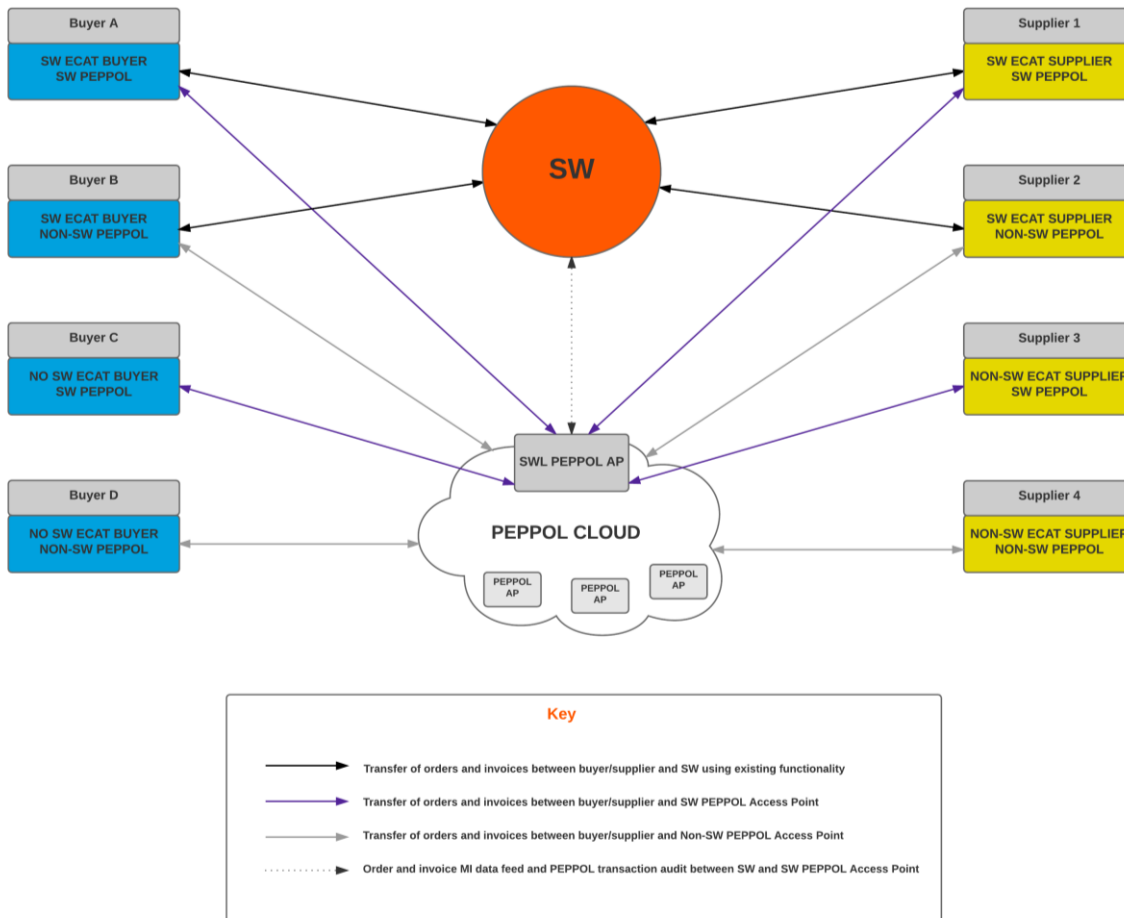
### **What is the Science Warehouse offering?**

If you are already trading with NHS providers via Science Warehouse then there is no need to make any changes as (we currently believe) Science Warehouse transactions will be PEPPOL compliant. If you wish to trade with NHS providers that have eCommerce systems other than Science Warehouse then, once those providers have selected a PEPPOL Access Point, this will be available via Science Warehouse as a registered PEPPOL Access Point provider as an extension to your existing Science Warehouse services.

### **How do I become enabled?**

We can provide connectivity to the PEPPOL network via XML or email. If you're connected to Science Warehouse via XML then we will convert PEPPOL messages to XML and transmit them to you (and vice versa for invoices). If not, we will convert PEPPOL messages to PDF and email them to you and also accept PDF invoices for conversion to PEPPOL format.

## Overview of Suppliers PEPPOL process



### Why is it important if you trade with the NHS?

PEPPOL will change the way the NHS does business. Six demonstrator sites were selected at the beginning of 2016, and by 2020 all NHS Trusts are expected to be up and running. Once live, all suppliers will be required to send electronic invoices through a PEPPOL compliant Access Point. If you are an NHS supplier, PEPPOL will mean processes are faster and more efficient.

For suppliers trading with the NHS, CloudTrade enables you to be PEPPOL-ready. On-boarding is simple, taking a matter of minutes rather than days or weeks, and trading relations are improved as you can be paid more quickly and with no need to keep chasing on invoices that keep getting lost along the way.

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