

Welcome to the Payment Systems Regulator's (PSR) survey of indirect payment service providers (PSPs).

All information submitted as part of this survey will be treated as commercially confidential in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013. We intend to aggregate and anonymise information and do not intend to attribute specific information or comments to named organisations.

You can save the questionnaire when it's partially complete to finish later. However, you won't be able to share the partially completed questionnaire between different people in your organisation.

We've produced a PDF version of the survey for your convenience. The questions are numbered for ease of reference. Please do not submit your response in a PDF document; we can only accept responses submitted through the online questionnaire.

Thank you.



Introduction

We're conducting this survey to collect evidence on how well access to payment systems (both direct and indirect) is working for PSPs. This will inform our monitoring and reporting on access.

This year we've conducted a market review of the supply of indirect access to payment systems. In our final report we identified a number of unresolved concerns about access:

- Small non-agency indirect PSPs (IPSPs) have a limited choice of indirect access providers (IAPS).
- IPSPs in all categories are experiencing a number of specific quality-related issues with indirect access.
- IPSPs face barriers to switching.

At the same time we've identified a number of market and regulatory developments that we believe will address these concerns. This survey will help us understand the industry's views on these developments, and the impact they've had so far.

A glossary of terms used in the survey is available on the PSR website.

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4. Do you use any of the following payment systems to provide payment services to your customers? If you do, do you have direct or indirect access?

	Direct	Indirect	Do not use
Bacs	C	С	C
CHAPS	С	С	С
Faster Payments	C	C	C
Cheque and Credit	C	С	С
LINK	С	О	С

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19. Why did you choose indirect access to LINK?	
(Please select all that apply)	
☐ Indirect access suits my business needs better	
\square For the size of my business, indirect access provides better value for money	
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\square Do not meet the criteria for a Bank of England reserves/ settlement account	
☐ Direct access was too expensive	
☐ Scheme too difficult or onerous to join	
Other (specify)	



20. Do you have one or more sort codes that are unique to your organisation?

C Yes
C No
21. Do you have a Bank of England reserve account?
C Yes
C No
22. Have you sought tenders for indirect access services in the last year?
22. Have you sought tenuers for munect access services in the last year:
C Yes
C No

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23. SWITCHING

How long have the following provided you with indirect access to payment systems?

	Do not use	Less than a year	Between 1 and 5 years	Between 5 and 10 years	More than 10 years
Barclays	0	\circ	C	C	C
Со-ор	C	O	C	C	O
HSBC	C	C	C	C	C
LLoyds	0	C	C	C	C
RBS/NatWest	C	0	C	C	C
Other	C	С	O	С	O

24. Have you switched indirect acces	s provider in the past 12 months?
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C Yes

C No



25. Why haven't you switched provider?			
26. How many providers did you approac	h?		
Please select one			
27. How many providers responded?			
Please select one			

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	Who did you switch from?
9. 1	Why did you switch?
	all that apply.
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	oor quality of previous provider
	setter offering from new provider
	leeded own sort code
	revious provider terminated access
	Other
0	How would you rate the service from your new provider against your previous provider?
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	Somewhat Better
	bout the same
	Worse
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1.	How long did it take to complete the switch?
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	Over 3, up to 6 months
	Over 6, up to 12 months
	fore than 12 months
- 1	iore than 12 months
2.	Did you have any significant difficulties in switching provider?
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	nability to transfer cheque sort codes
	Changes to internal business processes
	Fechnical infrastructure changes
	dverse customer experience
	enath of time to integrate new provider
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33. Has your provider terminated your payment system access in the last 12 months?

C Yes

C No

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. What reason did your provider give for terminating your access services?

RBS/Natwest Other provider

QUALITY OF INDIRECT ACCESS SERVICES 35. Has the quality of your indirect access service changed over the past year? Significantly better Significantly worse About the same Somewhat worse Somewhat better Barclays C C C C C Co-op C O HSBC C C Lloyds RBS/Natwest Other provider 36. If it has changed, please explain in what way. **37. BACS** Overall, how do you rate your provider's indirect access offering for this system? (1-5, with 1 being the lowest rating, i.e. most dissatisfied and 5 being the highest rating, i.e. most satisfied) 2 Barclays Co-op **HSBC** Lloyds RBS/Natwest Other provider 38. Please give a reason for your rating **39. CHAPS** Overall, how do you rate your provider's indirect access offering for this system? (1-5, with 1 being the lowest rating, i.e. most dissatisfied and 5 being the highest rating, i.e. most satisfied) 1 2 Barclays Co-op **HSBC** Lloyds

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RBS/Natwest	C	C	0	0	0
Other provider	0	0	0	0	0
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47. Does the way you access payment systems through your provider hinder your customer offering or your ability to innovate?

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C Yes - customer offering

C Yes - ability to innovate

C Yes – ability to innovate and customer offering



48. Would direct access to any of these p	ayment systems suit the needs of your busines	s better than your current arrangements?
If so, please tick any that apply.		
□ Bacs		
☐ CHAPS		
☐ Faster Payments		
☐ Cheque & Credit		
□ LINK		
49. Do you plan to become a direct memb	er of any of the systems below in the next thre	ee years?
	Yes	No
Bacs	С	C
CHAPS	C	C
Faster Payments	C	C
Cheque and Credit	C	C
LINK	C	C
50. If you have answered yes to the ques	tion above, please tell us why?	

Innovation
51. FPS has developed a new direct technical access model, which would offer PSPs access through an aggregator. How likely would you be to use direct technical access to FPS in the next three years? C Very likely C Likely C Unlikely
52. Are there any issues with indirect access to interbank payment systems that aren't covered in the previous questions and you would like us to consider?
53. Are there any indirect access services that you would like to receive from your provider that are not currently available to you? If so, please describe them here.
54. Do you consider that you have all the internal resources, knowledge and technical capability to provide the customer offering you would like? C Yes C No, lacking internal resources C No, lacking knowledge and technical capability C No, lacking both internal resources and technical capability



55. Do your custo	omers make use of the additional time available through the recently extended settlement day for CHAPS?
C Yes	
C No	
C Don't know	
56. Is there more extended CHAPS	that CHAPS Co, your IAP or the Bank of England could do to ensure that your customers get the benefits of the settlement day (risk reduction and flexibility)?
57. Are you awar	re of any effect that ringfencing will have on the indirect access services you receive from you existing IAP?
58. Will this affec	t the services you provide to your customers?
59. Are you aware	e of the IAP Code of Conduct?
C Yes	
C No	



- 60. What impact has the IAP Code of Conduct had on the quality of the indirect access service you receive?
- C Significant improvement
- C Moderate improvement
- C It hasn't made a difference
- C Moderately worse
- C Significantly worse
- 61. How would you rate the degree of choice in the indirect access market (i.e the number of IAPs)?
- C No choice
- C Limited choice
- C Enough choice
- C Wide choice

In the final report of our indirect access market review, we identified a number of recent and current developments that have the potential to address our concerns. These are:

- · our programme of work on direct access
- new market entry and expansion of IAPs
- improved IAP FPS access offerings, improved direct technical access
- the image Clearing System
- the Bank of England's RTGS review
- the IAP Code of Conduct
- reviews of financial crime regulation
- the work of the Payments Strategy Forum
- the implementation of PSD2
- information-related initiatives
- the CMA's retail banking switching remedies
- the Current Account Switch Service

62. Which of these developments do you think is most likely to have a significant impact on PSPs' choice of IAPs?

- Our programme of work on direct access
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64. Are you aware of any new IAPs entering the market in the past 12 months?

- C Yes
- C No



	oviders are you aware				
66. How likely are	you to switch to a new	v entrant IAP?			
Very likely					
Quite likely					
Undecided					
Quite unlikely					
Very unlikely					
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59. W	Which ones are you aware of?			
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Ur	Indecided			
Qı	Quite unlikely			
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72. Please tell us about these services.	
73. Have you taken them up or enquired about them?	
C Yes, taken up new or improved services	
C Yes, enquired about new or improved services	
C No, not taken up or enquired about new or improved services	
74. Please explain your answer to the previous question.	
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75. Do you feel you are able to effectively assess and compare direct and indirect access offerings	•
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76. What type information would you like to have access to?	
77. Please provide any other comments you have regarding the quality of information generally available on access to payment systems.	:
78. Are you aware of the information that the four main IAPs have published about the indirect access services they offer?	
C Yes	
C No	



79. Have you ever accessed this information?

C Yes

C No

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