

Investigating sustainable procurement strategies in UK policing

Exploring sustainable procurement in UK police forces, focusing on integrating it as a core criterion in public sector procurement to enhance environmental sustainability.

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Research context

Public service institutions are indispensable catalysts in the fulfilment of national sustainability imperatives. This research offers a focused examination of the procurement operations within UK police forces to ascertain their adaptability and effectiveness within the broader scope of environmental sustainability.

This main aim is to uncover the challenges and opportunities in integrating sustainable practices, seeking to critically evaluate how these practices align with broader environmental sustainability goals and propose actionable strategies for improvement.

Objectives of the study

- To critically assess the congruence of existing procurement policies within UK police forces and established sustainability frameworks.
- To critically assess the ecological footprints emanating from current procurement practices in UK police forces.
- To critically assess innovative avenues for incorporating sustainability considerations into procurement protocols.
- To proffer empirically grounded recommendations aimed at enriching sustainable procurement practices within UK police forces.

Research methodology

- Research methods data collection: Conduct semi-structured interviews with key decision-makers in the procurement departments of UK police forces. Examine extant procurement policy documents and related legislative frameworks.
- Data analytical approach: Employ thematic analysis for qualitative data to unveil recurring themes and insights. Use sustainability indices for a comparative evaluation of procurement policies, thereby ascertaining their environmental stewardship potential.