Using qualitative methodology the research examined four social sectors - domestic violence, housing first, public employment services and community development to scope the impact of marketization in social sectors previously funded through public grants.

It explores whether more openly competitive funding processes reduce collegiality and collaboration amongst civil society organisations, how commissioning and procurement impacts on staff and services users and alternatives ways to support the work of civil society organisations.

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The authors hope that the research will contribute to the commitment in Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities to review the current national practice in relation to the commissioning model, and further commitments in Our Shared Future, the Programme for Government.

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