

Pilot scheme launched to remove payment retentions

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The [Construction Leadership Council \(CLC\)](#) has announced it is running a pilot project on a scheme developed by the contractors' umbrella body [ActuateUK](#) to tackle project defects at source, with the long-term aim of removing the need for payment retentions.

It takes previously successful data gathering schemes used to address health & safety concerns and late payment as its inspiration with a similar focus on using anonymous data to tackle the root causes of defects. Both these earlier schemes produced tangible results and had a profound impact on the prevailing culture, said the CLC.

Clients and contractors are invited to take part in [the pilot](#) by sharing project data, which is non-attributed and will help to build up a picture of why defects come about and how they can be eliminated. Defects will be collected from completion certificates using processes developed by the Get It Right Initiative (GIRI). They are compared and rationalised against the overall value of the contract to enable comparison between projects and produce a score that can be used to evaluate a solution.

The initial stage, working with Cranfield University, is designed to be a proof of concept to test that the data can be collected and collated from projects. Companies wishing to contribute are invited to use this [link](#) to submit data.