

# Specialist Estates Services Notification 22/09

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**For action by:**

Estates/Facilities Directors and Managers, NHS Health Boards and Trusts

**For information only:**

Copy to: Head of Capital Estates and Facilities  
Department of Health and Social Care, Welsh Government

Dear Colleague

## **DECARBONISATION STRATEGY: LOW CARBON HEAT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Addressing fossil fuel heat emissions is recognised as one of the key challenges for the public sector. To deliver a net zero public sector by 2030 and the aim that all public buildings are supplied with low carbon heat it is essential to plan low carbon heat projects now.

This SESN is to inform NHS organisations about the support available for developing Low Carbon Heat Projects that is available from the Welsh Government Energy Service (WGES) and to obtain intelligence on the likely levels of demand from the NHS for funding to support the development of low carbon heat projects.

At the end of 2021, grant funding was made available for exemplar low carbon heat projects across the Welsh public sector. This funding saw the installation of low carbon heat technologies, such as heat pumps, across various scales of projects. One of the key learnings was the impact of design and planning on implementation timescales, costs, and delivery risks. The proposed development fund will help de-risk upfront design and planning costs, enable development time to progress high-quality and optimal solutions, and position projects as 'investment ready' for any funding opportunities.

The Welsh Government are keen to support future low carbon heat projects, and the intention is that future specific Public Sector Low Carbon Heat Funding will be made available in 2023 and beyond.

A short Expression of Interest (EOI) form to establish potential levels of demand for this support funding is available through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wxiS05WZFK>.

Whilst it is not mandatory to reply to the EOI to apply for the funding (the application process will follow at a later date), Specialist Estate Services encourage responses to the EOI as it allows for estimation of demand and can influence the budget available to support the NHS.

**The closing date for EOIs ONLY is 10th June 2022 at 17.00**

For any general queries about the WGES development fund, please contact: [lowcarbonheat@energyservice.wales](mailto:lowcarbonheat@energyservice.wales). Any enquiries on the content of this letter or the wider issues related to low carbon heat projects should be addressed to Christopher Lewis, Senior Environment and Facilities Management Advisor on 029 2090 4096 [Christopher.Lewis4@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Christopher.Lewis4@wales.nhs.uk) or Craig Morgan, Environment and Facilities Management Advisor on 029 2090 4099 [Craig.Morgan2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Craig.Morgan2@wales.nhs.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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