



# Specialist Estates Services Notification 23/05

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**For action by:**

Chief Executives, NHS Health Boards and Trusts  
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,

## **NHS ESTATES & FACILITIES NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION – 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023**

This SESN is to inform NHS organisations about the second annual National Day to acknowledge and celebrate the essential work of all Estates & Facilities (E&F) professions in the delivery of health care across the UK.

The first E&F National Day of Celebration was launched in 2022 and over 558 healthcare organisations from all over the UK registered, which included over 250,000 estates & facilities staff. This initiative has received positive feedback from NHS national bodies, colleagues throughout NHS Trusts and Health Boards, commercial providers, and supply chain partners.

**Further information and a ‘supporter’s pack’ designed to promote consistency of messaging across the NHS can be downloaded here. <https://www.healthcareefmday.org/>**

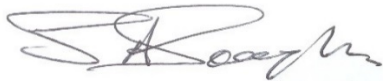
Several organisations across NHS Wales already recognise the contribution of E&F staff, either corporately or within E&F functions, or both. This UK-wide initiative is about capturing, sharing, and generally raising the profile of this vitally important contribution to the work of the NHS.

Specialist Estates Services is asking Health Boards and Trusts to endorse and support this initiative to celebrate and recognise the work of E&F teams. This could range from local recognition awards, sharing feedback from the general public to all staff, sponsoring local community projects that also showcase the skills of E&F staff, highlighting the hobbies and

interests of E&F staff and how they make even wider contributions to our local communities, to simply publicising key facts and figures on the resources that E&F staff are responsible for managing and what is achieved on a daily basis by the respective teams. Information about local events that take place on 21st June 2023 and what is delivered by E&F staff should be shared using the hashtag **#HealthEFMDay**.

Any enquiries on the content of this letter should be addressed to Ray Selby, Head of Estates Development [ray.selby@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ray.selby@wales.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Douglas', written in a cursive style.

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