

Specialist Estates Services Notification 24/16

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Dear Colleague,

SES LEASE MANAGEMENT – CHANGE FROM e-PIMS TO NWED

As you are no doubt aware, SES has for many years, on behalf of NHS Wales organisations, recorded and maintained the freehold and leasehold assets for the NHS Wales estate on the Electronic Property Information Mapping Service (e-PIMS), the central database of Government Central Civil Estate properties and land. In addition, the SES Property team uses the e-PIMS database to carry out the lease management work we undertake for NHS Wales organisations, including the generation of lease management reports, lease break notifications and lease expiry notifications produced for each organisation.

It has been known for some time that e-PIMS was to be replaced by a new database, and a SES representative is a member of the steering group for this project. However, it was only disclosed earlier this year that the e-PIMS replacement (InSite) would have far less functionality and would not have the capability to enable the SES Property team to use it to undertake its lease management function for NHS Wales.

Since this time, SES has been engaging with the market to see whether an off-the-shelf product exists or could be adapted to suit our requirements. In addition, we have been working with NWSSP's Digital team to investigate whether an in-house solution could be created.

I am pleased to report that an in-house product has been developed (using MS Power Platform) which has been pilot-tested by SES using data extracted from e-PIMS. Subject to final sign-off, it is intended that this new database (named NHS Wales Estates Database - NWED) will run in parallel with e-PIMS for several months before going live (with all the data transferred over from e-PIMS) at least a month before e-PIMS is decommissioned (on the 31 March 2025).

I will update you further in due course, but it is anticipated that we have managed to overcome the unexpected risk that arose and that SES will be able to continue to provide our high-quality lease management service and reports without any disruption to NHS Wales organisations.

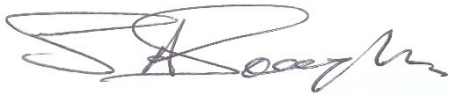
Finally, I attach a link to a recent Welsh Government briefing note on the progress of the change from e-PIMS to InSite.



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