

Press release: Government Hub to be built in the heart of Leeds

HMRC, working with the Cabinet Office, will take approximately 378,000 sq ft at Wellington Place on a 25 year lease. This is the biggest ever commercial property letting in Leeds. The deal will see 6,000 civil servants working in a state-of-the-art new city centre premises in 2020.

Government Hubs will transform central government's offices by accommodating many different departments in shared buildings in London and in the regions. The programme will deliver taxpayer savings, act as a catalyst for regional growth and ensure the delivery of the best quality services to the public.

There will be 18-22 strategic hubs across the UK, located in major towns and cities and accessible by a range of excellent transport links. Hubs will be modern, sustainable buildings, supported by smart technology and shared services.

Wellington Place, close to Leeds Station, will deliver high quality offices for civil and public servants, including for HMRC, which will operate one of its 13 regional centres from Wellington Place.

NHS Digital will also relocate to Wellington Place, which will support the organisation's move to enable smarter and more flexible working, and collaboration.

Minister for Government Resilience and Efficiency, Caroline Nokes, said:

The Civil Service is a great place to work and enabling civil servants to have high quality and modern working environments will ensure that we work productively and deliver the best services to the public across the country.

The Leeds hubs will be a catalyst for growth in the surrounding cities and towns, helping rebalance the UK economy and underpin our strategy for a strong, well-connected Northern Powerhouse that can continue to provide good-quality jobs and economic growth across the region.

HMRC Chief Executive Jon Thompson said:

We are delighted to be part of the new UK Government Hub in Wellington Place, Leeds. This is another step in HMRC's transformation into a modern digitally advanced tax authority.

It's the beginning of a process that will see around 3,800 colleagues come together in state-of-the art facilities, enabling

closer working relationships and increasing our effectiveness in collecting taxes. It will also make HMRC an important contributor to the economy and to communities in and around Leeds.

Chief Executive of NHS Digital, Sarah Wilkinson, said:

We are delighted to co-announce our involvement with the new Leeds Government hub, this is a significant investment in the city and reinforces their long-term commitment to Leeds.

As one of Leeds major employers, it is an opportunity for greater consolidation of our Leeds estate when completed and will enable us at NHS Digital to build on our existing strong relationships with the wider NHS and government departments.

Over the past few years, Leeds has established itself as the major digital city in England with a thriving technology sector, which NHS Digital is proud to be a part of. The work NHS Digital does here in Leeds affects the lives of everyone in the country. Being part of the Government Hubs programme in Leeds is a great opportunity to work in partnership with both national and local organisations.

News story: Crime news: attend a drop-in session about the Common Platform

Drop-in sessions provide opportunity to find out more about the Common Platform and what it means for your work.

Common Platform drop-in sessions are now available to learn more about digital working plans for the criminal justice system (CJS) and how it affects your work.

The 'defence awareness days' drop-in sessions are being run from September to October 2017 and give you the chance to find out:

- what the Common Platform is
- what it means for you as a defence practitioner
- how it will evolve
- how the Common Platform is being built
- how to get involved and help shape the system

What is the Common Platform?

It is a new way of working for partners across CJS which allows practitioners to securely access case management information where and when they need to.

It means you can work at a variety of locations at times to suit your work pattern.

A new digital system will allow defendants, victims, witnesses and professional users to interact on-line. The idea is to deliver a unified way of working for HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and make everything available in one secure location.

This can then be accessed by defence practitioners as well as HMCTS, CPS, police and the judiciary.

How can I find out more?

Details of the locations, dates and times of events near you are available below:

[CJS Common Platform programme defence awareness days](#) – schedule of events

[HMCTS email updates](#) – sign up for regular HMCTS news alerts

[News story: Hurricane Irma: government response and advice](#)

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Research and analysis: Waste management for England 2016

Updated: Revised spreadsheet 'Waste management 2016 in England: data tables'. Amendment to 'Operational incinerators' worksheet.

Data is presented at a national level (for England) or by former English government planning regions (for trend consistency). The data reports on:

- landfill inputs and capacity
- transfer inputs
- treatment inputs
- incineration inputs and capacity
- metal recycling inputs
- disposal in or on land inputs
- use of waste inputs

Information on the management of hazardous wastes and the number of sites is also included. Information on other site types can be supplied on request.

- [Waste management data 2015](#)
- [Waste management data 2014](#)
- [Waste management data 2013](#)
- [Waste management data – 2005 to 2012](#)
- Data for accessed based interrogator tools 2016:
 - [Waste data interrogator](#) (conditional licence applies)
 - [Hazardous waste interrogator](#) (open government licence applies)
 - [previous years](#) (search for 'waste data interrogator' or 'hazardous waste interrogator')
- [2016 waste incinerator annual reports](#)

News story: Some of our services are temporarily unavailable

The services affected are:

- MapSearch
- Online Owner Verification
- INSPIRE View
- Extract Polygon
- Flood Risk Indicator

We cannot say when the services will be available again, but there will be further messages about this as soon as an update can be given.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

The services became available again after 12 noon.