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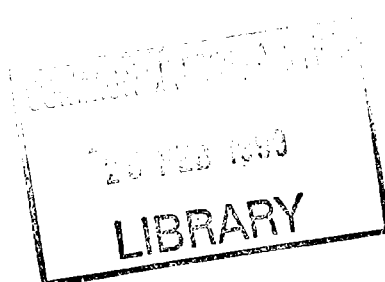
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NHS Management Executive
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Dear Colleague

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Summary

1. This letter advises colleagues that arrangements have now been agreed with Safecode Ltd which provide for the central funding of the Safecode-Plus user licence when an agreement is entered into between an NHSiS holding body and Safecode Ltd. These arrangements are effective from the date of this letter subject to the condition that they provide for only one user licence for each reconfigured Trust. The arrangements also include the funding of agreed basic introductory training aimed at new users.

Background

2. The arrangements confirmed above were anticipated in MEL(1998)81 dated 17 December 1998. As described there, the underlying objective is to ensure that the assessment of compliance with safety and statutory standards as they impact on the estate is based upon a consistent and sound risk management approach.

3. Colleagues may wish to be reminded that Safecode/Safecode-Plus is a Crown Copyright corporate health and safety risk management tool specifically developed for NHS use. It is provided under a licensing agreement between the Secretary of State for Scotland and the University of Strathclyde. The latter sub-licences Safecode Ltd which currently provides Safecode-Plus to nearly 200 NHS bodies throughout the UK. The sub-licence agreement requires the licensee to have regard for the needs and requirements of NHS entities in enhancing and developing the tool. Ownership of title to and all Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) actual and potential in Safecode and Safecode-Plus are vested in and remain the property of the Crown. The IPR in amendments to the subjects produced at the hand of a sub-licensee belong to the sub-licensee.

Addressees

For action:

Chief Executives, NHS Trusts
General Managers, Island Health Boards
General Manager, State Hospital Board
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General Manager, Common Services Agency

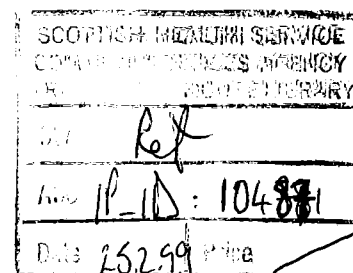
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4. Safecode Ltd will provide those NHSiS bodies with user licences with the support of 2 user group meetings per year at no additional cost.

Other Information

5. Where NHSiS bodies wish to use another health and safety management tool to assess compliance with health and safety requirements bearing upon the estate then the body may have the cost of that user licence subscription supported up to the same amount as that agreed with Safecode Ltd. In those circumstances, written confirmation will be required from an executive board member of the body confirming that the tool to be used will be equally effective.

Action


6. NHSiS bodies who wish to take advantage of this agreement should contact Safecode Ltd at the undernoted address.

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If contacting by telephone ask either for Bob Lowe or Danny McTaggart.

Yours sincerely



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