

Property Asset Management Strategy (PAMS) 2017 update

2018 PAMS completion requirements

- Information on the 2018 PAMS to be issued in next 2 weeks to all boards.
- Pro-formas are the same as last year, plus extra section for IM&T.
- Pro-formas to be returned on 1st Friday in May (4th).
- PAMS Updates to be returned this year by 1st Friday in June (1st)

2017 PAMS

NHS Health Scotland's 2017 PAMS was submitted to Scottish Government in June 2017. The document looked at:

- *Where we are now? Where do we want to be? How do we get there?*

NHS Health Scotland, due to the work that has been conducted over the last few years, are now settled on two sites, Gyle Square Edinburgh and Meridian Court Glasgow, and are co-located with other Health Boards.

The 2017 PAMS focussed on developing a working environment that ensures the accommodation provides a productive working environment that promotes wellbeing. We delivered the following outputs:

- A staff review of the impact of our Office Improvement Projects over both sites. The survey asked staff how the office environment improvements have worked for them, suggestions for improvements etc. Based on the great response from staff and their feedback and suggestions we are continually trying to implement improvements to the working environment on both sites.
- Continuing development of our approach to embedding more agile ways of working for staff to support the delivery of our work, improve staff experience and maximise the use of our resources. Our particular focus this year was on ensuring our IT systems fully support new ways of working and ensuring staff make best use of these systems.
- Development of a closer working relationship with colleagues from NSS to ensure that we are being creative and collaborative in how we use the buildings we work in. We have worked closely with the NSS Facilities team with regard to both Office Improvement Projects as well as working together via the Building User Groups on both sites.

Moving Forward

In 2016 it was announced that the Scottish Government has committed to the establishment of a new, single, national body for public health by 1 April 2019. Therefore in 2018 the work that will be undertaken and reflected within the PAMS update for 2018 will include:

- Forward planning for our accommodation and the new public health body, which at the moment still has to be confirmed.
- How we use our buildings/offices moving forward and any planning which may need to be done with regard to the impact of change upon our current arrangements.

Some of the work above for 2018 is likely to be looked at under a National estates rationalisation project to which a paper has recently been provided by NSS to NHS Special Boards. The purpose of this project would be to review the benefits of amalgamating the facilities management and future planning of NHS Special Boards' corporate office accommodation, and to make recommendations on how this can be delivered in a more effective and potentially more efficient manner.