

## ***heywood* delivers a shot in the arm for the Scottish Health Service**

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*heywood*, the market leader in the provision of pensions software to the Public Sector, has completed the latest stage in a very successful project with the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA), the largest provider of pensions administration in Scotland.

This latest success sees the administration of the National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) move onto *heywood's* pension software and follows on from previously successful projects to migrate the Scottish Teachers' Scheme and the secure digitisation of over 10 million paper records from SPPA's archives.

Neville Mackay, the SPPA's Chief Executive, said:

"The SPPA works on behalf of more than 225,000 active scheme members and around 110,000 pensioners. This whole project was a key part of the SPPA's ability to respond to pension reform but also to extend the range and quality of services available to our customers. I am very grateful to the *heywood* and SPPA joint project team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we hit our go live date."

This contract, won in March 2007 followed on from *heywood's* previous success in the deployment of the Health and Public Services Scheme in Northern Ireland.

Commenting on the success of the project, Pat Marchbank, Client Services Director at *heywood* said,

"Having originally made our reputation in Local Government, it is especially pleasing to see our quality of product and reliability in project delivery extend to these large complex projects in Central Government. The way in which the *heywood* and SPPA teams worked together was one of the cornerstones of this successful project".

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**Notes to editors**

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*heywood* was established in 1975 and has been part of *aquilaheywood* since 2002. *aquilaheywood*, the Group comprising *aquila* and *heywood*, is the leading supplier of pensions administration software solutions in the UK. The pension schemes for over 9 million members in more than 200 major organisations are run using the Group's administration software solutions. These solutions cover the whole range of available schemes including DB, DC, hybrid, career average, cash balance and stakeholder.

The Group provides solutions to the Financial Services, Third Party Administration, Corporate and Public Sector pension scheme markets in the UK, Ireland and the rest of Europe. Its clients include Prudential, Aviva, BBC, Asda, BP, Diageo, the European Central Bank, Aon Consulting, JLT, most local authority schemes, and Central Government schemes in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

*altair* is *heywood's* next generation pensions software solution, which is fully browser-based with advanced web capabilities and takes full advantage of modern technology.

For those clients who wish to out-source their pensions IT function, *altair* can be offered via a fully hosted or ASP service. To ensure a low risk implementation, the Group provides experienced consultancy services for business management comprising project management, process engineering, data migration, management information and system integration.

**SPPA**

The Scottish Public Pensions Agency is an Executive Agency of the Scottish Government. It was previously known as the Scottish Office Pensions Agency which was created on 1st April 1993 and employs around 250 staff.

The Agency administers and regulates the NHS and teachers' pension schemes in Scotland, and regulates the local government, police and fire pension schemes administered by Scottish local authorities.