

PREPARING FOR THE IAD CHANGES – DECEMBER 2008 – Communication 11

Introduction

Regular readers of these weekly communications will notice a subtle change to the title compared to the previous 10 communications - the month has changed from October to December. The last message, sent on 23rd October, informed you about the deferral of the IAD system changes that were planned for implementation on 27th October. At the time of writing I was not able to inform you of a revised date. This bulletin serves to notify you of the proposed dates.

Developments since the last communication

The reasons as to why we experienced system performance issues during testing have been identified and remedial action has been taken. Initial signs are that this has been successful, but further and repeat testing is to be carried out. Subject to the positive outcome of these tests we are working towards introducing these changes with effect from 8th December.

System Outages

29th November – 30th November

In order to undertake system performance testing, there is a need to reserve the weekend of 29th and 30th November for an outage of the IAD system. I appreciate that this may have operational impacts on Users who utilise the service over the weekend, but I hope that you will view this as prudent to give the required confidence for proceeding with the implementation on the following weekend.

5th December – 8th December

The next planned implementation is on the weekend of the 6th / 7th December. This will require an outage from 22.00 on Friday 5th December through to 06.00 on Monday 8th December.