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NHS SBS partners with Software Europe to improve expenses management in the NHS

NHS Shared Business Services (NHS SBS), a unique joint venture between the Department of Health (DH) and Steria, has partnered with Software Europe to provide **expenses2010** as part of its payroll service. Through this partnership, NHS SBS will deliver even greater value to its payroll clients by offering Software Europe's robust expenses management solution.

Currently used by 24 NHS organisations and more than 18,000 NHS employees, the **expenses2010** system was developed in accordance with NHS Agenda for Change and medical staff terms and conditions. It can also manage local terms and conditions and provides a straightforward means for employees claiming travel and subsistence expenses.

When combined with NHS SBS payroll service, the system offers unique functionality that works seamlessly with NHS Electronic Staff Record (ESR), eliminating the need for manual inputting and reducing processing times. It also transfers employee changes from within ESR, thereby updating **expenses2010** and guaranteeing greater employee visibility.

NHS SBS is also now able to offer improved spend management reporting, giving transparency to its clients' overall expenses and allowing claim data to be fully accessible and analysed.

John Neilson, managing director of NHS SBS, said, "We are very pleased to be working with Software Europe. The company's track record with the NHS and its understanding of the specific requirements of the NHS were key factors in our decision to work with them. This partnership enhances the service we are able to offer our clients, improving service quality, generating savings and delivering real added value".

"Public sector organisations are under increasing pressure to streamline their back office processes and reduce spend, whilst maintaining a high quality of operations," says Neil Everatt, managing director of Software Europe. "**expenses2010**, coupled with NHS Shared Business Services' expertise in delivering payroll services to NHS trusts, will allow those using the system to gain excellent value and achieve significant savings from public sector expenditure."

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About NHS Shared Business Services: www.sbs.nhs.uk

NHS Shared Business Services (NHS SBS) is a unique joint venture between the Department of Health and Steria, and leads the way in developing and providing Finance & Accounting, Payroll, e-Procurement and Family Health Services to all types of NHS organisations.

More than 21 million people in the UK have NHS healthcare delivered by NHS SBS clients.

NHS SBS was cited in HM Treasury Budget Report earlier this year "improving efficiency in back office functions by building on the success of NHS Shared Business Services" and also featured in the Operational Efficiency Programme (OEP) final report on efficiency savings.

With over 1000 people employed and in excess of 4 million transactions processed per annum, NHS SBS works with around 30% of NHS organisations to deliver operational efficiencies, and is on target to save around £250m over 10 years – which could pay for more than 12,000 extra nurses.

For more information please contact Monica Owen on 07970 052065 or visit www.sbs.nhs.uk



About Software Europe

Software (Europe) Ltd, trading as Software Europe, is an independent company with 20 years experience delivering exceptional products and high quality service that strive to streamline business processes and reduce corporate spend; which today is imperative for all businesses to survive. For the last ten years Software Europe has spent time researching and developing **expenses2010**, a web-based expense management solution that provides a simple process for employees to submit, authorise, reimburse and audit employee business expenses, providing a digital upgrade to the expense claim spreadsheet. Leading the way, **expenses2010** delivers control over employee business expenses, eradicating the inefficiencies of manually reclaiming expenses and provides confidence that these adhere to government and corporate policies.

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