

To SHA Registration Authority (RA) Leads

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Dear colleague

ESR Move to NHS Care Records Service (CRS) Smartcard Access – Additional Information

We have received an excellent response to our letter dated 7th April 2009 (entitled “ESR move to NHS CRS Smartcard Access”) and over 80% of organisations have now committed to transition to smartcard access before the end of August 2009 target date.

Following this initiative, we plan to remove the traditional access to ESR via username and password. From that point access to ESR will only be possible via NHS CRS Smartcard with the exception of Employee Self Service and National LMS users, where this has been agreed with the NHS ESR Central Team.

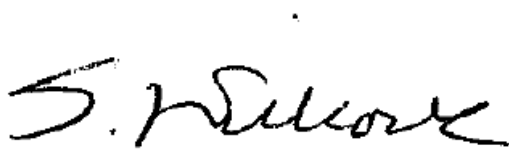
The exact date for removal of username and password access is still under review, but this is likely to take place during October 2009. We will communicate this date when confirmed.

Please find attached additional communication that has been distributed to the executive sponsors at each organisation within your SHA region. Should you wish to understand which organisations have not yet committed to the transition, please contact esr.smartcard@nhs.net.

For additional information regarding the ESR move to NHS CRS Smartcard access please access www.esrsolution.co.uk/iim. If you have any further queries please contact esr.smartcard@nhs.net.

Thank you for your co-operation with this initiative.

Yours sincerely



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1. NHS CRS Smartcard Access to ESR (Org Allocated) 260609
2. NHS CRS Smartcard Access to ESR (Org Not Allocated) 260609