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Northgate calls for penalty notices to encourage regulatory compliance

Welcoming the Hampton review's further consultation, which follows the publication of an interim report on regulatory inspection and enforcement, Northgate Information Solutions today called for penalty notices to be used by regulators to encourage greater regulatory compliance and ensure swift, effective enforcement.

As well as enforcing regulatory compliance, Northgate welcomed the review's interest in seeing greater information sharing and joint working amongst regulators.

Submitting a response to the consultation, David Meaden, Managing Director of Northgate Public Services, said:

"We warmly welcome the Hampton review which is looking for a fresh approach to tackling regulatory inspection and enforcement.

"As penalty notices are increasingly forming part of our overall justice system, it is only natural that they be extended to areas, such a regulatory compliance, where they provide an efficient system to ensure enforcement."

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Notes to editors

1. Northgate is a technology services company with a difference. It is committed to high quality public services and understands the public sector. That knowledge is core to its business.
2. Northgate's task is to enhance public sector value through intelligent use of people and information technology systems and to share in the economic and social benefits that this brings.
3. Northgate assists local authorities and the police to promote community well-being by helping them provide citizens with accessible and responsive one-stop services. Northgate is a leading provider of penalty notice enforcement systems.