

## Northgate Public Services announces new CEO Tina Whitley



**Hertfordshire, Hemel Hempstead, Feb 15, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - Monday 15th February: Northgate Public Services (NPS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NEC Corporation, has today announced that as of 1st April 2021, Tina Whitley, the firm's current executive director of government, health, and housing, will become chief executive officer, taking over from Steve Callaghan.

Mr. Callaghan will remain a board member as a non-executive vice-chairman, focusing on strategic initiatives and acquisition activities. In addition, he will undertake an advisory role to NEC Corporation.

Dr. Masakazu Yamashina, executive vice president of NEC Corporation, said: "Steve Callaghan has been an exceptional CEO at Northgate Public Services. When he joined NPS in 2016, the business was nearly £300 million in debt and many of the fundamentals were wrong. Today, NPS is a robust and flourishing business. This year's EBITDA is forecasted to exceed £53 million and it has continued to grow throughout the pandemic.

“Steve has transformed the organisation’s culture and financial performance and has delivered wholesale improvements through his commitment to product development and increasing NPS’ market share. We are delighted to retain him as a board member to advise on strategy and M&A activity.”

Tina Whitley also joined NPS in 2016, bringing with her a wealth of commercial expertise. She was previously at Capita Children’s Services (part of Capita PLC), where she was managing director of the education and libraries division, and has held senior commercial positions at Convergys, Cable and Wireless, and Fujitsu Services.

Dr. Masakazu Yamashina, executive vice president of NEC Corporation, said: “Tina Whitley will make an outstanding CEO. She has been pivotal in modernising the government, health, and housing divisions at NPS and has successfully navigated the challenges brought by the pandemic in these sectors. She has our full support, and we are looking forward to her taking the business to the next level.”

Ms. Whitley, CEO designate at Northgate PS, said: “My aim has always been to build teams that develop products and services that enable the best outcomes for our customers and their end-users. It is the foundation on which commercial success is built and it will continue to be my focus for NPS moving forward. It’s a proud moment to lead such a talented team of people who together have helped transform the fortunes and cultural outlook of this business.”

The company also announced that Ian Blackhurst, the firm’s currently executive director of public safety, will transition to an advisory role to the CEO. Steve Ainsworth, the firm’s current director of operational safety, and a former managing director at Civica will become the new executive director of public services responsible for the policing, emergency response, and justice sectors, effective from 1st April 2021.

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Northgate Public Services (NPS) has a proven history of developing game-changing software for the public sector. Our ability to put the vital information into the hands of those that need it is the reason why 95% of local authorities use us to collect revenues and administer benefits. It's why 16 different police forces, comprising more than 60% of the UK's police officers, have chosen NPS' CONNECT software to improve decision making at the frontline, why over 150 housing providers use NPS systems to manage their two million homes efficiently, and why the NHS choose our technology to help them screen eight million babies for hearing loss. Based in the UK but working around the world, NPS's 2,300 employees help improve the services that matter most. NPS is part of the NEC Corporation ("NEC", TSE: 6701), a leader in the integration of IT and network technologies that benefit businesses and people worldwide. For more information, visit <https://www.northgateps.com>

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