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Title	ESR Release 55.0.0.0 / 55.1.0.0 Notification of Downtime	
Purpose	To inform users of planned downtime for ESR Release 55.0.0.0 & 55.1.0.0	
Intended Audience	All ESR & DW Users	

SUBJECT

Users are advised that the ESR Production Service, ESR Hub, e-Learning, ESRBI, ESR Data Warehouse, ESR Portal and TRS will be withdrawn at 18:00 on Friday 30th September 2022, in order to apply Release 55.0.0.0 and 55.1.0.0

Furthermore, users are also asked to note that downtime is also provisionally scheduled for the evening of Friday 7th October and Saturday 8th October 2022. This is to allow for the Pensions rebanding process to be run to account for legislative changes introduced in Release 55.0.0.0. The pensions rebanding process is likely to have an impact on the availability of up to date data in ESRBI. More details including the start and end times and the anticipated ESRBI Data Refresh schedule will be communicated via a User Notice which will be issued on Wednesday 05th October 2022.

DETAIL

Release Notices detailing the content of R55.0.0.0 and R55.1.0.0 have been issued.

The overall period of downtime is estimated to be 50 hours and the Service is expected to become available by 20:00 on Sunday 02nd October 2022.

The period of downtime for the ESR Hub is estimated to be 15 hours and it is expected to become available from 09:00 on Saturday 01st October 2022.

Users are asked to note the 18:00 closure time for the on-line Service on Friday and co-operation is requested to ensure that all Users are logged off by 18:00.

Users are also advised that ESR batch queues will be held from 16:00 on Friday to ensure that no batch work is running when the service is withdrawn at 18:00.

Please Note:

Any pay-related jobs that need to complete before the system closedown at 18:00 must be submitted well in advance of the 16:00 cut-off in order for them to be completed by 18:00. This includes payroll, prepayments, print pay advice, RTI Processes and transmit BACS.

To ensure that jobs are completed by 18:00, and therefore the period of downtime is not unnecessarily delayed, there will be active management of related queues from 10:00 on Friday that may result in processes showing as 'Inactive No Manager'. If a process must be run and complete before the downtime period commences, please raise an appropriate 'Report an Issue' P3 SR detailing the Request and reason for the request to be released so this can be reviewed and assessed.

Users are advised not to submit jobs to run "as soon as possible" before 16:00 on Friday that might be expected to run past 18:00, but to schedule these to run after the advertised downtime is complete. Any

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jobs which are still running at 18:00 on Friday will be aborted to ensure that the release can be deployed within the downtime window.

ESR BI REPORTING DATA

Whilst the BI reporting solution will be available on Monday 03rd October 2022, the data may not be up to date. An anticipated schedule of data availability in ESR BI is provided below:

- Monday 03rd October through to Friday 07th October – data will be as at 18:00 on Thursday 29th September.

These timelines are based on current estimates, however if the anticipated schedule changes, an updated schedule will be provided in a user notice with updated information. If no additional notice is issued, users are advised to work to this schedule.

ACTION REQUIRED

Organisations are advised to ensure that they internally communicate the downtime to all Self Service users.

Processes submitted on Friday that are expected to take several hours to run should be scheduled to run after the advertised downtime completion time.

For processes that are required prior to 18:00 on Friday but are showing 'Inactive No Manager', raise an appropriate 'Report an Issue' P3 SR detailing the Request and reason for request to be released.

FURTHER INFORMATION

ESR, e-Learning, ESRBI, ESR Data Warehouse, ESR Portal and TRS will be unavailable during this period of downtime.

The TRS, ESS over the internet and ESR Portal services will display maintenance pages.

The NHS ESR Hub will be unavailable for a period of approximately 15 hours from 18:00 on Friday 30th September 2022 to 09:00 on Saturday 01st October 2022. After this period and for the remainder of the downtime window, although users will not be able to login it is anticipated that the NHS ESR Hub will be available allowing users to browse content including viewing the latest two payslips.

NEXT UPDATE

None