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Wallet.Services partners with The Improvement Service to test out Blockchain technology's role in delivering digital public services to Scottish citizens

Wallet.Services have been chosen by the Improvement Service (IS) as it looks to test out opportunities and applications for blockchain technology in the delivery of public services under the IS's management as well as those offered in conjunction with the IS's partners.

Using their SICCAR blockchain platform, Wallet.Services will support the IS and its partners to undertake proofs of concepts to test out blockchain technology applied to a range of use cases. The SICCAR platform streamlines and secures cross-organisational collaboration with blockchain, protecting data and the people and organisations that own it.

Blockchain supports valuable information to be exchanged, vouched for or attested such as proofs of disability, of educational qualifications, of holding a licence or permit or of entitlement to vote. Blockchain technology comes with many potential benefits including improved security, lower transaction costs, irrevocable and tamper-resistant transactions, fraud minimisation and, as importantly, a streamlined citizen experience.

Sarah Gadsden, the IS's interim Chief Executive added, *"As we continue to evolve our multiple award-winning [myaccount](#) service and our broader digital offer, we are committed to exploiting new technologies and innovating to meet our partners' requirements. In line with our latest Business Plan commitments, we continue to look for practical and creative approaches to supporting councils and partners through challenging times and also help people manage their relationship with government. We see significant potential and benefits from innovating using emerging technologies such as blockchain. We very much look forward to working closely with Wallet Services to prove what might be possible."*

Stuart Fraser, CEO of Wallet.Services said, *"We are delighted to be working with such an ambitious, progressive and technologically-competent organisation as the Improvement Service. As a Scottish-based company committed to realising the benefits of blockchain technology, Wallet.Services believes that – in partnership – we can help make an enormous positive impact on society in the next few years."*

About Wallet.Services

Wallet.Services streamline and secure digital life by accelerating the use and harnessing the benefits of blockchain. Blockchain's transformative technology is the missing link needed to bring integrity and control to our sensitive information. Their first solution, SICCAR, uses blockchain for cross-organisational collaboration.

Learn more at www.wallet.services or contact info@wallet.services // +44 131 460 7768.

About the Improvement Service

The Improvement Service (IS) is the national improvement organisation for local government in Scotland. Our purpose is to help councils and their partners to improve the health, quality of life and opportunities of all people in Scotland through community leadership, strong local governance and the delivery of high quality, efficient local services.

We do this by providing a range of products and providing advisory services including consultation and facilitation, learning and skills, performance management and improvement, and research. In addition to our core products and services, the [IS Business Plan 2018/19](#) sets out the three thematic priorities for our work this year – health and social care, children and young people and economic development.

Established in 2005, the IS is a partnership between the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE). It is a company limited by guarantee. For more information, visit www.improvementservice.org.uk

The Improvement Service has developed a portfolio of services to support digital transformation on a national scale in Scotland. These include [myaccount](#), the secure authentication service operated and managed by the Improvement Service with Scottish Government funding, the National Entitlement Card, Data Hub, Parents Portal, bisaccount, OneScotland Gazetteer, Spatial Hub and tellmescotland. For more information, visit <https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/digital-public-services.html>