

Capita to expand North East operations by 20 per cent at Tees Valley business park

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A national records management business is boosting its North East operations by adding almost 70,000 sq ft of warehouse space.

Capita Records Management, which provides document and data services to public and private sector organisations, has agreed a new lease for additional space at Lingfield Point.

The move sees it create an extra 20 per cent of warehouse capacity – up from 336,700 sq ft to almost 400,000 sq ft – to ensure millions of records and documents will continue to be stored safely.

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Capita also has 42,000 sq ft of office accommodation at the business park, where it has provided pensions administration services for several years.

The company's investment in its Darlington business management and support activities, which employs 200 people across both sites, means Capita can ramp up its operational capacity to meet demand for its services.

Lingfield Point, owned by real estate fund manager Frogmore, has more than 1.3 million sq ft of office and warehouse accommodation across the 85-acre site.

It is home to more than 50 different organisations including DWP, NHS, Student Loans Company and Wood Group, who have moved in to take advantage of quality accommodation and benefit from access to good local road, rail and air links.

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Anthony May, managing director of Capita Records Management, said: "We continue to see strong demand for our record and data services, and our investment in expanding capacity at Lingfield Point will play a key role in growing our business going forward.

"Capita is proud to reaffirm our commitment to this region and its workforce."

In May it was announced that 125 roles in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy [will be relocating to Darlington](#), adding to more than 1,250 staff coming from the Treasury and Department for International Trade, as part of Government's Northern Economic Campus.

Tim Allibone, director of asset management for Frogmore said: "Capita's renewed commitment is testament to Lingfield Point's great location, onsite facilities and cost-effective accommodation."

David Swan, director of Mottisfont Capital, asset manager for Lingfield Point, said: "Darlington is currently attracting a great deal of attention thanks to the Northern Economic Campus which is a fantastic opportunity for the area.

"We continue to see considerable interest from potential tenants as demand for good quality industrial and office accommodation continues, as we ease out of lockdown and businesses begin to ramp up their operations."

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