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Sodexo awarded £4m a year contract with Scottish Fire and Rescue

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Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has been awarded £4 million a year soft services contract with Scottish Fire and Rescue (SFRS).

The four-year contract will see Sodexo deliver a range of services including catering, cleaning, security and waste services.

The agreement covers the full SFRS estate - 420 locations – including wholetime and retained duty system firestations, offices and support locations, ensuring a consistent level of service across Scotland.

Sodexo will support the Service to achieve its transformation strategy by allowing its 8,000-strong service personnel to focus on improving the safety and wellbeing of the communities they serve.

Under the new contract, any staff that chose to do so will transfer their employment to Sodexo under a transfer of undertakings.

Paul Anstey, CEO, defence and government services, Sodexo UK & Ireland said: *“We are delighted to have been awarded this contract and look forward to helping Scottish Fire and Rescue concentrate on their key priority of keeping their communities safe.*”

“This new contract strengthens our position as a trusted partner in the delivery of FM services to the public sector and in particular in Scotland where we already hold a number of prestigious government contracts including the Scottish Parliament”

Sarah O'Donnell is the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Director of Financial and Contractual Services. She said: *“We are absolutely committed to providing the best value service for the people of Scotland.*”

“This contract will enable us to do exactly that, ensuring a consistent level of service across all SFRS properties and allowing us to concentrate on our core roles and responsibilities as we work to continue protecting Scotland's communities from harm.”

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