Cati case study

The Wensum Trust is a not-for-profit sponsor of primary and secondary education, providing continuity of experience from nursery to sixth form. The trust has the highest aspirations for all children in its academies and works tirelessly to help pupils reach their full potential.

About the partnership

A varied portfolio of 10 academies across Norfolk brings a number of compliance requirements that go far beyond the typical fire, electric and asbestos. The biggest challenge for the trust is the complexity of managing these schools — Estate Manager Bob Marrison, who is responsible for compliance at the trust, can only be in one place at any give time.



The challenges

When schools join a trust, they have different dates for when different requirements are due. Managing multiple compliance obligations with different deadlines was becoming extremely time-consuming. Cati's RAG status reporting and automatic emails notify the trust when obligations are due, without having to manually search for renewal dates in an extensive spreadsheet. The amber warning is also used by members of the team to remind them to get appointments booked in with contractors in plenty of time, as they're typically very busy.

The results

Although the trust has the majority of the necessary compliance documentation in place, Cati has helped to ensure that it is aware of any upcoming renewals and remedials, especially with the lesser known requirements. This has helped to focus the trust's attention on guaranteeing compliance in all areas and managing it effectively.

"Cati is a simple, easy to use system that provides us with all information we need to stay compliant. Cati has given us the freedom to focus our time on other activities knowing we will be notified with important information as and when required. It delivers great peace of mind that we are informed about what needs doing".

Bob Marrison Estate Manager, Wensum Trust



