CROWN HOSTING
DATA CENTRES

CASE STUDY

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Office for National Statistics

ONS accelerated its move to Crown Hosting and is allocating further racks

The Office for National Statistics had no plans to move until it saw the framework's pricing and strategic fit. It chose to accelerate the move, the move went smoothly, and ONS is working with Crown Hosting to allocate further racks.

Accelerated

ONS brought its move forward, although its existing data centres had no break clauses

More racks

Being allocated from its existing estate after the first move went smoothly

Value for money

Described by ONS as excellent, with the flexibility it needed during implementation



OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS

ABOUT ONS

The Office for National Statistics is the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics.

CLIENT	SECTOR	WHAT THEY USE
Office for National Statistics	Central Government	Colocation in secure data rooms

01 THE PROBLEM

The opportunity first came to ONS through Government Digital Service technology leaders. The reality of Crown Hosting turned out to be very different from the idea ONS had of it.

- **No plan to move.** ONS was not looking to leave its existing data centres.
- **No break clauses.** Leaving early needed a strong reason.
- **Secure access.** Staff and third party engineers needed to get in without delays.

02 THE SOLUTION

ONS investigated further so it would not miss the opportunity. The pricing structure and strategic alignment gave it a very valid reason to go.

1. **Visit the sites**
   Site visits showed ONS how its servers would be configured within secure data rooms.
2. **Accelerate the move**
   ONS brought its migration forward once it understood the advantages of the framework.
3. **Plan access with lead time**
   Stringent security that is easy to navigate for people on the access list saves ONS time.
4. **Fit out and extend**
   Cables, equipment and third party support were arranged, and further racks are being allocated.

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THE OUTCOME

- **A smooth move.** The migration has not presented any challenges.
- **Growing footprint.** ONS is working with Crown Hosting to allocate further racks from its existing estate.
- **Easy to understand.** A simple model, good working relationships and excellent value for money.
- **Flexibility.** Crown Hosting provided the flexibility ONS required during implementation.

> "The move to Crown itself has not presented any challenges. In fact, it has been so smooth that we're continuing to work with Crown to allocate further racks from our existing data centre estate.
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> **Office for National Statistics**
> Spokesperson name to confirm

IN THEIR WORDS

"At the time we had no plans to pursue it until we saw the pricing structure and the strategic alignment, at which point we had a very valid reason to leave our existing data centre."

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"The model has been very easy to understand. The way that we have worked together has been great, the service fantastic, and it is excellent value for money."

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WHY IT MATTERS

The UK depends on ONS for the numbers that shape policy. Its decision to accelerate a move it had not planned shows how clear pricing and assured facilities can make an unplanned move the sensible choice.

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If you would like to understand more about how Crown Hosting can save you time, money, carbon and energy, please get in touch with a member of our team today.

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